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**u|turn**

we believe in life after homelessness

# Homelessness in Cape Town

- 7,500 homeless individuals
  - 2,500 shelter beds
- = 5,000 people sleep on the streets every night

*Source: 2015 COCT figures*

*Comparison - 4,750 for whole of England (Population 56 million)*

We believe God does not want homeless people to die on the street.

HE is busy building better solutions for the homeless!

**START**

**UNEMPLOYED  
DEPENDENT  
ADDICTED**

# The journey to employment

Food -  
Clothing -  
Therapy -

**SERVICE  
CENTRE**

**REHAB  
CENTRE**

**TRAINING  
CENTRE**

- Work  
- IT, English, etc  
- OT therapy

I need help



This voucher can help



Please help me kick the habit



Life Change Programme

I'm thriving



**FINISH**

**EMPLOYED  
INDEPENDENT  
SOBER**

**HOUSING  
& SHELTER**

**LAUNDRY  
& SHOPS**

**1**

**FIRST CONTACT**  
Food and clothing are provided, along with relationship of trust

**2**

**REHABILITATION**  
If needed, drug and alcohol rehabilitation before training

**3**

**ON-JOB TRAINING**  
Work experience and formal training, plus relapse prevention

**4**

**GRADUATION**  
Participant secures a job in open labour market

# U-turn proposal for use of 16 Summerley Road

- Create a 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase shelter for street people on U-turn Life Change Programme (in recovery, on a journey off the street)
- 25 spaces in total – each person will stay 12-18 months
- Also onsite:
  - Staff units (x2); volunteer unit (x1) and family unit (x1)
  - Market gardening project growing vegetables for the shelter and U-turn Service Centre that provides 2-3 workspaces for people on the Life Change Programme
- Self-sustaining once up and running (income = expenditure)

# Start-up plan

- Carry out building work required to add additional ablution facilities (x8 toilets, x9 showers, x10 basins) – funding available
- Seek donations of furniture (beds, tables, chairs), kitchen equipment etc
- Open the Shelter with 10-12 people from the U-turn programme
- Build to full capacity over the course of 12-18 month
- As scale-up happens, share bed spaces with other like-minded ministries offering training and rehabilitation opportunities OR find funding to cover initial shortfall in operating income

# Benefits

- *For the homeless:* Intentional living for Street People, creating more rehabilitative bed spaces, supporting hundreds of people over time.
- *For society:* Reducing homelessness & supporting the poorest and most vulnerable through a tried and tested rehab & training programme.
- *For the community:* Transformative as challenges current thinking, e.g. NIMBY / exclusive development etc.
- *For U-turn:* Helps us grow our capacity as doubles the number of suitable bed spaces available. Self-sustainable once up and running.
- *For CCK:* An opportunity to use current assets to do all the above. Church Members can get involved (eve & w/e opportunities).

# Frequently Asked Questions

- *What will the neighbours think?* Homelessness is getting worse and the only way to move people off the street of Kenilworth is to grow sustainable long terms solutions to homelessness. As the residents are part of the U-turn programme, we have already walked a journey with them, & they are now in work, training & recovery
- *Will the house be able to be used for other things during the day?* Not initially – concerns over security, access control and management of common facilities mean this would be unwise. After the start-up period, perhaps this can be explored.
- *Why Summerly House?* Ideally located for U-turn – just across the road and close to transport. Perfect project for societal transformation
- *Have you done this before?* Yes. U-turn ran a shelter from 2004-2008 (until it was knocked down!). We therefore know what it takes to operate a facility like this.

“What we propose here is not mere accommodation, it is part of a rich rehabilitation and training programme which serves the most vulnerable in the city”

*Sam Vos – U-turn Director*

Thank you