

**UNLIMITED POTENTIAL**

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# WHAT SERVICES DO WE OFFER

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- Case Management/Referrals for services:
  - Job training
  - Education
  - SNAP/TANF/WIC Benefit Applications
  - Medicaid Assistance
  - Other services as needed
- Housing Assistance
- Mentorship
- Life Skills Workshops
- Peer Support
- In-Office Resources
  - Laundry, Kitchen, Shower, Essentials Closet, Emergency Food Pantry
- Open access computer lab
- Counseling Services
- Limited Transportation

# COSTS OF HOMELESSNESS

- Taxpayers bear the burden of costs that are a result of homelessness and gaps in adequate social services
- Some individuals, without intervention, will experience one or more of these categories, and some may even experience all

	<b>Annual Approximation (per individual)</b>
Cost of Incarceration (daily housing cost per inmate)	\$22,000
Cost of homelessness	\$35,678
Cost of CPS Involvement*	\$34,815 (per child victim)
Cost of untreated mental health conditions	\$585.74
Cost of alcohol and illicit drug abuse	\$1,341.43
*CPS Involvement if a young adult client has their own child removed	

# EDUCATIONAL

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- Current Educational Enrollments:
  - High School (In-Person) – 1 student
  - High School Virtual (21 and under) – 3 students
  - High School Virtual (21+) – 2 students
  - Blinn College – 5 students
  - Texas A&M University - 4 students
  - UTA Arlington – 1 student



# PARENTING

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- Prenatal Appointments
- Assist with transportation to parent-child visitation
- Support instruction for appropriate car seats
- Instruction and support to make decisions for children that avoid CPS or criminal consequences
- Child care referrals
- School enrollment and supplies

# CRISIS INTERVENTION/ACCOMPANIMENT

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- Domestic Violence
- Mental Health
- Medical Intervention
- Sexual Assault
- CPS
- Court and Probation

# LEGAL

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- As a part of our new legal advocacy initiative, we have partnered with attorney Shane Phelps to provide quality representation for former foster youth
- To date we have addressed multiple misdemeanor tickets to avoid and resolve warrants
- One client, with the assistance of Mr. Phelps, maintained compliance with her restrictions and was able to resolve her case without consequence
- One client obtained her necessary consular documents
- Multiple clients have received assistance from UP resolving tickets from their time in CPS care and dismissing these cases
- Multiple clients are working towards expunging their juvenile justice records, allowing an entirely clean slate and second chance

# HOUSING

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- Preservation of housing
  - Guidance on lease terms
  - Guidance on bills due and utilities
  - Support and follow up on HUD reporting
- Accompaniment to meetings
- Instruction and assistance in cleaning and upkeep



# MENTAL HEALTH/MEDICAL

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- Free counseling provided
- Mental Health transport/evaluation
- Coordination with inpatient facilities
- Substance Abuse treatment referral and support
- Crisis intervention
- Emergency care accompaniment
- Women's health education
- Medical Self-advocacy
- Trauma Education

# LIFE LESSONS

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- The art of negotiation
- Self-advocacy
- Grocery Shopping
- Laundry
- Financial Planning
- Opening bank account
- Childcare
- Studying and preparing for school
- Routine creation and time management
- Resume, job application, and interview skills
- Making own doctor's appointment
- Car care
- Credit score and building credit
- Benefit application assistance
- Nutrition and hydration
- Boundaries and communication
- Safety and basic home repairs
- Sending mail

# STORIES

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- A 20 year old female client entered the program in hopes she was approved for housing assistance. To her surprise, criminal charges from age 17 resulted in her denial from the HUD voucher program. With the assistance of her UP mentor and staff, she was able to address the charges, receive a dismissal, and reinstate her eligibility for housing. She is now in consistent housing, employed full-time, and working towards financial independence.

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- An 18 year old female client entered the program 24 weeks pregnant, homeless, with no documents and nowhere to stay. Her family had kicked her out shortly after she moved in with them, and threw away all of her belongings. With UP's assistance, she has received emergency housing, prenatal and specialty medical care, obtained her legal documents and ID, has engaged in the housing process, began the enrollment process for junior college, and has opened her first bank account.



# STORIES

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- A 19 year old participant decided to return to high school and change the direction of her life. She had been living a very dangerous lifestyle and was determined to not continue to be involved in that decision making. She attended her first day of school and with the help of UP staff located her classes and was introduced to the environment. She was so excited and proud to be able to say she was on her way to earning her diploma and living a life she thought had completely passed her by.

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- A 19 year old client arrived at the office in the midst of a domestic violence crisis. She had been engaged in an altercation with her partner and needed help getting herself and her child to safety. Unlimited Potential assisted in transporting the mother and child to a safe location and connecting her with services.

# OUR ENVIRONMENT

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- Our office has become much more than an office.
- It is a place where youth can come vent their frustrations before they resort to old patterns of aggression and conflict
- It is a place where they can bring their children, ask for help, and have gentle parenting modeled
- It is a place where they can be completely honest about their struggles and receive non-judgmental support
- It is a place where they can laugh, cry, ask questions, build relationships, and grow
- It is a place where they learn to be adults, what they like to do, and who they want to be
- It is a place of decision making, advice, and steps towards a life they love
- The biggest limitation we have preventing this opportunity from being available to more youth is the ability to provide a supportive housing environment; with that, we would be able to connect these lessons and opportunities to a sense of “home”

*"I really don't know what I would do without y'all. I have felt like a lost cause for so long but for some reason you seem to believe in me and that makes me want to keep going."*

*-Participant, Age 24*

*"I decided when I was 17 that I never wanted to go to jail again. I did not want to be that person and the isolation almost killed me. I am afraid every day that I will make a mistake that ruins everything. I am glad I can tell UP when I am struggling and they will help me stay on track."*

*-Participant, Age 20*

*"It's a weird feeling to have someone who answers your phone call after 5:00. It's almost like a 'sugar rush' and then I try not to bother them until they give up on me."*

*-Participant, Age 20*

*"I had no idea that I could have PTSD and that I wasn't crazy. I feel like I spend every day trying to hold myself together and not get in trouble. Y'all have shown me that I can be more and do more."*

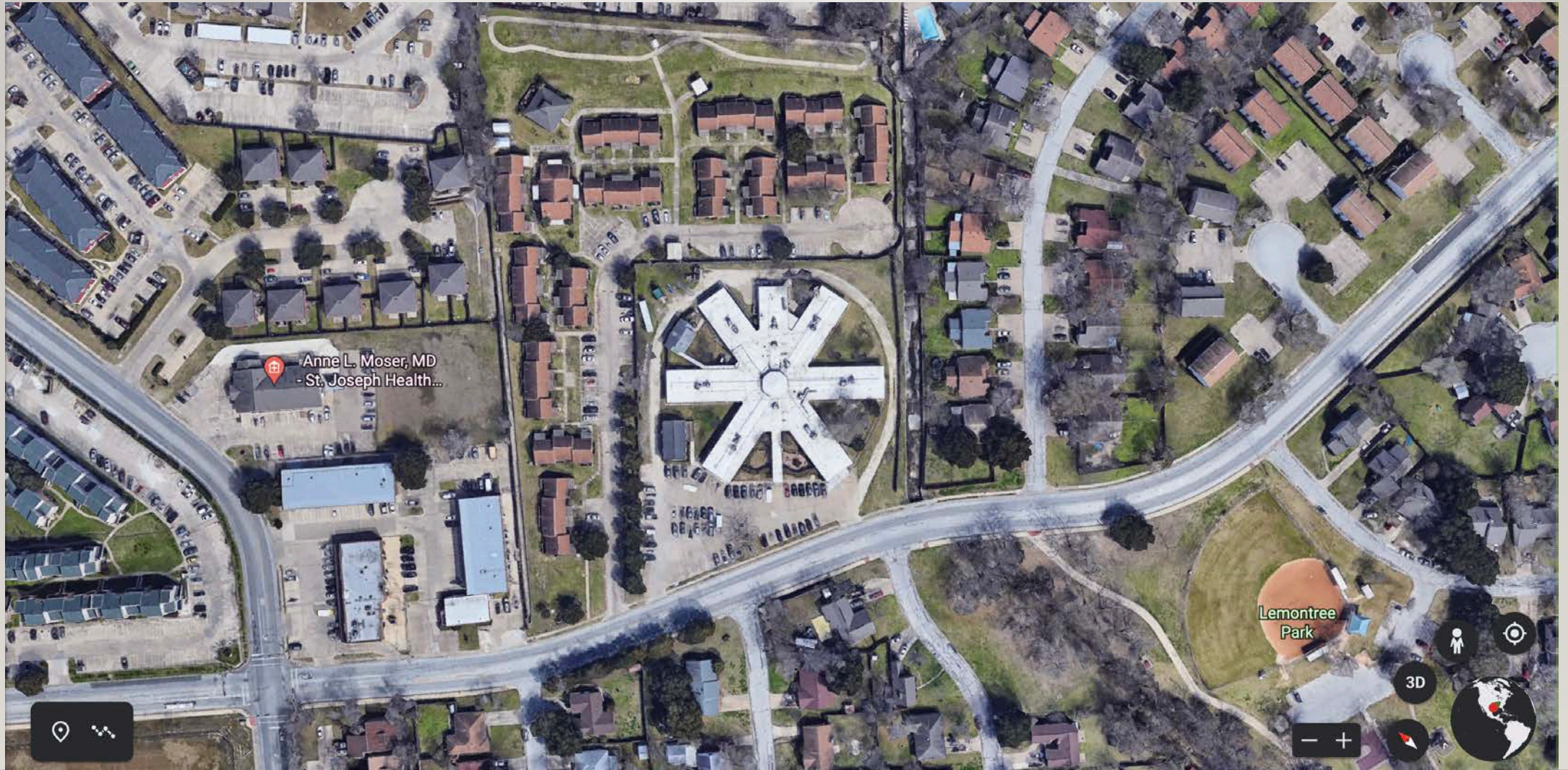
*-Participant, Age 20*

*"I don't want to be the same type of parent that mine were for me. Y'all have really helped me see that I can teach my child and not feel like I'm messing her up. I never want her to feel abandoned or worthless like I did."*

*-Participant, Age 23*

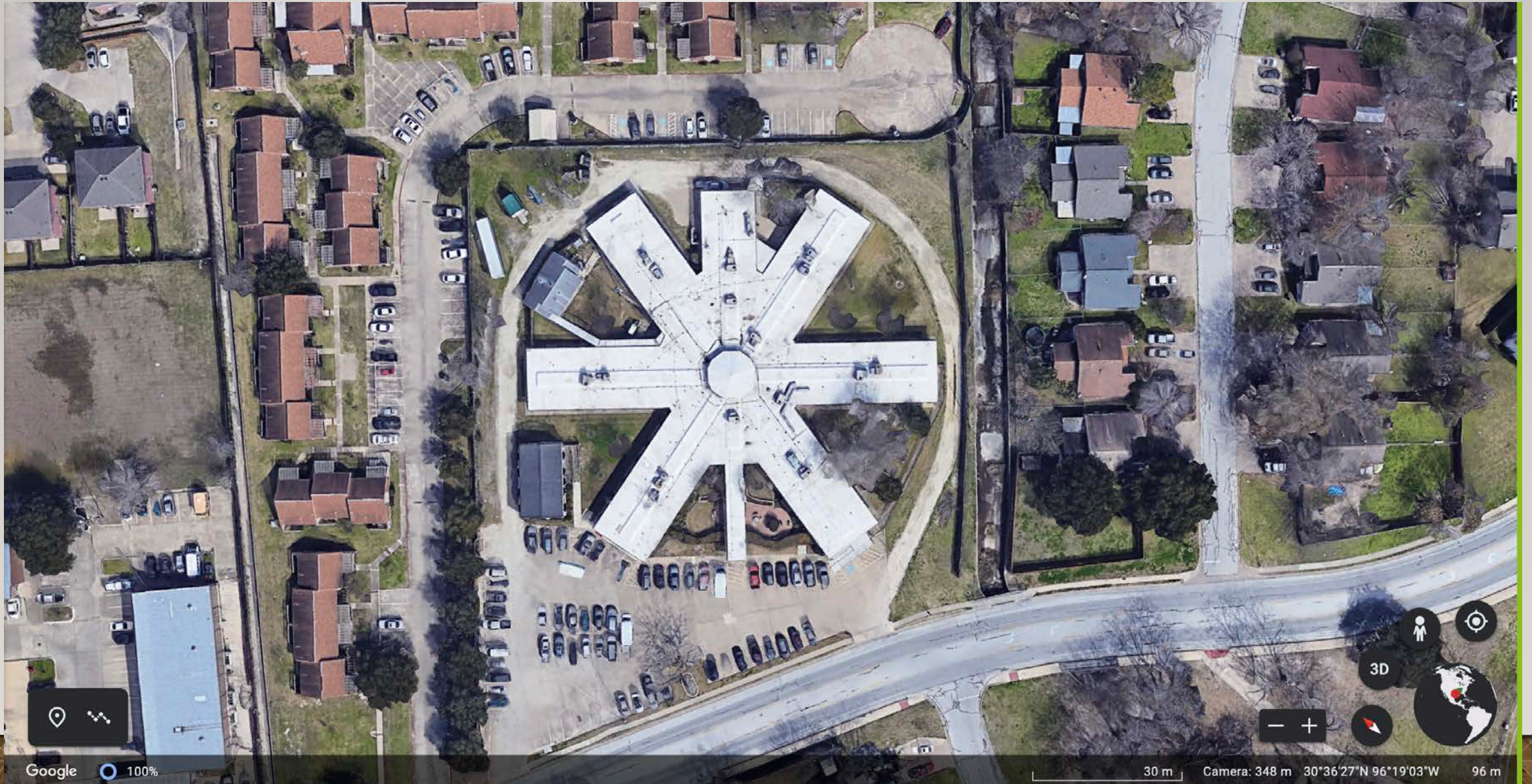


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# Unlimited Potential Conceptual Site Plan





# Unlimited Potential Building—Concept and Cost

## B. Don Russell, Chair, UP Building Committee

- Administration building:

Charity Hub, 8000 ft.<sup>2</sup>

Offices, training rooms, educational and computer rooms, support facilities

\$1.2M-\$1.4M

Phase 2: 2 additional residential units

\$0.6M

Contingency \$0.6M

- Residential Homes:

Phase 1: 4 units @ ≈ 2200 ft.<sup>2</sup>  
with 4 persons each unit

\$1.2M-\$1.4M

**Total required: \$6.0M**

Sources of funds:

Brazos County - \$2M

City of College Station - \$2M

Philanthropic and other - \$2M

Security systems, grounds, fencing/landscaping, furniture, paving, outfitting of homes, etc.

\$0.4M-\$0.6M



# A PLACE TO CALL HOME

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