

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS AND
THE UNITED WAY OF DENTON COUNTY, INC.
COMMUNITY IMPACT COORDINATOR – HOMELESS INITIATIVES**

INTRODUCTION

There is growing recognition that homelessness is a significant issue in our community. The number of homeless will continue to increase and the costs to the community will continue to mount unless immediate action is taken.

A citizen task force organized by the Mayor of the City of Denton, Chris Watts, explored resources and activities that could improve and expand housing solutions for the homeless in Denton. As a result, a plan was produced that would assist homeless citizens in finding and keeping a safe, stable and permanent home. These recommendations for implementing a coordinated community-wide effort to address homelessness included a request for funding a homeless coordinator position to provide leadership in implementing the plan. This position will increase and improve the effectiveness of community funding, ensure multi-faceted affordable housing options are available, and support the implementation of innovative programs. This proposal was accepted and the City Council agreed to fund the position for \$40,000.

Since the position was not fully funded the City approached the United Way of Denton County, Inc. because of its proven track record of seeking collaboration and community-wide solutions to community issues. The United Way agreed to partner in the project by providing additional funds as well as to take on the responsibility of hiring, training, supervising, and organizing the position utilizing its successful collective impact initiative model.

This Memorandum of Understanding will establish an agreement between the City of Denton, Texas (CITY) and the United Way of Denton County, Inc. (UNITED WAY) regarding the implementation of community impact strategies for homeless initiatives, specifically for the creation and support of the position of Community Impact Coordinator – Homeless Initiatives to serve Denton and Denton County.

RESPONSIBILITIES**The City of Denton, Texas**

City of Denton, Human Services Coordinator will serve as the key staff position to oversee the Homeless Initiative.

The City of Denton, Texas agrees to:

1. Fund, in part, the Community Impact Coordinator – Homeless Initiatives position to be employed by the UNITED WAY in the amount of \$40,000 per year through the term of the agreement.
2. Work with the UNITED WAY lead staff and partners to identify and update outputs and outcomes associated with this initiative.

3. Lead CITY staff will provide support to the UNITED WAY in the selection of the candidate.
4. Lead representative for the CITY and lead CITY staff will participate in the Collective Impact Committee –Homeless Initiatives.
5. Lead CITY staff will work with UNITED WAY and partners to coordinate services and notify United Way of any related activities addressing homelessness so as not to duplicate efforts.
6. Provide guidance/technical support to the UNITED WAY as it relates to the homeless data and information collected by the City.

United Way of Denton County

United Way Community Impact Coordinator – Homeless Initiatives will serve as the key staff position to oversee the Homeless Initiative.

The United Way of Denton County agrees to:

1. Lead UNITED WAY staff will work with CITY staff to develop job descriptions and hiring process.
2. Lead UNITED WAY staff will work with CITY staff to identify and interview qualified candidates.
3. Lead UNITED WAY staff will work with CITY and community partners to coordinate the volunteer recruitment process for a Community Impact Committee – Homeless Initiatives.
4. Staff the Community Impact Committee – Homeless Initiatives with volunteer leadership and hold regular meetings.
5. Work to identify and update outputs and outcomes associated with this initiative.
6. Participate in ongoing evaluation to examine the need for and make course corrections in a timely manner to ensure outcomes are met.
7. Ensure that all published materials are co-branded with City of Denton.
8. Work to secure additional partnerships and funding sources as needed.
9. Provide the CITY with quarterly reports that include: a) quantitative output/outcome measurement progress, b) narrative implementation report and c) budget spreadsheet.

OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES

- Overall project management and backbone support for homeless/housing collective impact efforts.
- Organize, plan, deliver, and coordinate with existing coalitions and stakeholders for greater impact (i.e. community social service organizations, local governments, business groups, and citizen groups and the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team).
- Have knowledge of the needs of the adult and youth homeless population, resources, barriers, service gaps, and successful interventions by current organizations.
- Participate in the planning and coordination of ongoing efforts to assess the needs of the community.
- Improve the collection of meaningful data related to homelessness/housing in Denton County.
- Researching evidence based programs and practices initiated by housing resources and the types of financial stability components needed to address homelessness.

- Work with the multiple community organizations providing services to the homeless and evaluate the role of landlords within the coordinated housing project, identify gaps, and the need for new complementary services.
- Develop outreach materials to enhance public education and awareness of homeless/housing needs.
- Develop business plan to significantly reduce homelessness in Denton County.
- Recruit, train and manage volunteers.

DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT

CA This MOU will be executed upon signature of both parties and will apply for the period of ~~February 1, 2016 to January 31, 2018.~~
OCTOBER 1, 2015 To SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

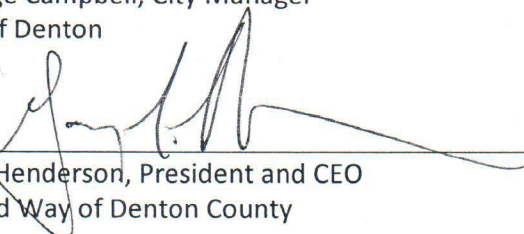
This MOU may be modified, altered, revised, extended or renewed by mutual written consent of all parties, by the issuance of a written amendment, signed and dated by all the parties.

If a Party believes that another Party has violated this Memorandum of Understanding, it shall contact the designated representative of the other Parties to discuss the issue. The Parties shall attempt in good faith to resolve the question. If no agreement is reached, this Memorandum of Understanding shall automatically terminate.

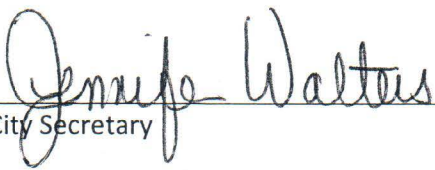
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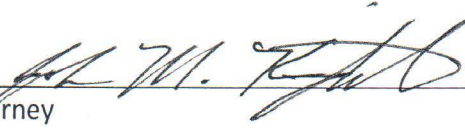
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 Date
 George Campbell, City Manager
 City of Denton


 _____ 2/2/16
 Date
 Gary Henderson, President and CEO
 United Way of Denton County

ATTEST:


 _____ 2/18/16
 Date
 Jennife Walters
 City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

for 
 _____ 2/4/16
 Date
 City Attorney