Imagine a future where no one endures homelessness as a way of life. A future where a person facing a housing crisis is quickly known by those in their community who can help them find a solution so homelessness is avoided or quickly resolved.

This isn’t wishful thinking: it’s happening. More than 70 communities in our Built for Zero Collaborative have changed the way they work in pursuit of a future where homelessness is rare and brief when it occurs. The first nine have now ended chronic or veteran homelessness; more are close behind.

Throughout history, teams of people have risen to the challenge of solving problems that seemed impossible, from conquering diseases to reducing traffic fatalities. In the fight to end homelessness, we are on that same path and seeing breakthrough results. Your support enables us to drive this movement. Thank you for being part of it.

ROSANNE HAGGERTY
President, Community Solutions
FEBRUARY 2018
Built for Zero communities start tracking their data in Tableau, an industry-leading data visualization software. The Tableau dashboards help local teams understand the dynamics of homelessness in their community in real time, target efforts where they will have the greatest impact, track progress and use data to drive reductions in the number of people experiencing homelessness.

APRIL 2018
Built for Zero publishes its first “impact” report detailing the journey from the end of the 100,000 Homes Campaign to the present and highlighting key learnings from the first three years of the movement.

APRIL 2018
The first veteran tenants move into Abrigo Apartments, where we are preserving affordable housing and enabling homeless veterans to get back on their feet. Community Solutions bought this apartment building in record time, thanks to social impact capital raised from local investors seeking to improve their community while preserving their capital.

MAY 2018
United for Brownsville launches, linking together parents, service providers and community institutions to advance early childhood development in Brownsville, Brooklyn. The group is an initiative of Community Solutions and the Brownsville Partnership in collaboration with SCO Family of Services.
JUNE 2018
Construction begins at the Swift Factory in North Hartford, CT, a $33 million project to transform an abandoned factory into a food business hub. The redevelopment will bring more than 150 long-term jobs to the North Hartford Promise Zone.

JUNE 2018
We celebrate the life of Community Solutions founding Board Chair, Jill Ker Conway, who passed away at age 83. In her honor, we created the Jill Ker Conway Fund to spread innovative housing solutions to help end veteran homelessness.

JUNE 2018
“If you’re eager to be reminded that humane and inspiring civic leadership still exists, read on.” The New York Times features Built for Zero’s national effort to end homelessness.

JUNE 2018
Built for Zero holds its first national conference, where a long-term partnership with Quicken Loans is announced to work together to end veteran homelessness in communities across the country. Together we debut four videos that highlight the stunning progress of Built for Zero communities.

JULY 2018
Community Solutions and our partners are selected to create a transformational mixed-use project on long-vacant sites along Livonia Avenue in Brownsville. The Livonia 4 project will include more than 420 units of affordable housing.
SEPTEMBER 2018
Community Solutions celebrates the groundbreaking of the Swift Factory with the community and featured speakers Senator Richard Blumenthal, Representative John Larson, Mayor Luke Bronin, and Northeast Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Chairwoman Darlene Robertson-Childs.

OCTOBER 2018
Built for Zero communities gather for their fall Learning Session in Detroit and cheer on 11 communities in the “last mile” of ending veteran or chronic homelessness.

OCTOBER 2018
The Brownsville Partnership hosts its sixth annual HOPE Summit, bringing together residents and organizations to advance community-led development and celebrate Brownsville.

DECEMBER 2018
The Wall Street Journal features Rockford, IL, a Built for Zero community that’s ended both veteran and chronic homelessness—and now has set its sights on ending all homelessness.
2018 FINANCIALS

Revenue
$10,792,307

- 9% Earned Revenue
- 14% Individuals
- 5% Government Grants
- 72% Foundation Grants

Expenses
$8,403,506

- 9% Management General
- 4% Fundraising
- 59% Built For Zero
- 14% Real Estate
- 14% Neighborhood Based Initiatives