



## INITIATIVE 3: ACCESS TO HOUSING



*"Housing is absolutely essential to human flourishing. Without stable shelter, it all falls apart."*  
- Matthew Desmond

*Trinity Health Foundation of East Tennessee extends the healing ministry of Jesus by improving the physical, emotional, and spiritual health of our community.*

**Envisioned Goal:** Trinity seeks projects to provide access to supportive housing for seniors, those suffering from mental health/addiction/trauma issues, and individuals/families experiencing homelessness due to economic uncertainty. Access to affordable housing for some and supervised affordable living environments for others is paramount. Trinity will entertain a spectrum of projects, from services that provide access to supportive housing to multi-organizational cooperative efforts to develop/build these facilities in our community.

**Background:** Knoxville has become a destination of choice for significant migration in the US in the last year. Currently, Knoxville proper has a residential occupancy rate of 98.6%. As a result, housing is difficult to find, and rent rates have increased to over 30% compared to pre-pandemic levels. This housing shortage is further compounded for those 1) with special needs (elderly, capability diminished) and 2) for families with limited income due to changing employment situations.