



# Your Church Can Prevent Homelessness



## The Problem

First-time homelessness increased by 16% last year across LA County, which means that current families who successfully beat homelessness are being replaced by new homeless families entering the system. But you can help!



## The Solution

Our new prevention program partners with local churches to help these families *before* they become homeless - addressing their immediate financial crisis, preventing eviction, and planning for the future through case management and budgeting skills in order to maintain their current housing.

### To be eligible, a prevention client must:

1. Be a family, defined as at least one adult with at least one child legally in their custody.
2. Be imminently at risk of losing their housing i.e. an eviction notice or similar written notice from their landlord that they will be evicted if they do not pay their owed rent.
3. Be able to sustain their housing after receiving short-term assistance, determined by Door of Hope's intake process.

### Churches can partner by:

1. Referring families to our program by contacting Griffin Hatlestad at (626)808-5168 or [griffin@doorofhope.us](mailto:griffin@doorofhope.us).
2. Financially partnering to cover one time financial assistance for a family identified either by your church or by Door of Hope (\$1,000-\$2,5000 per family).

Door of Hope has delivered compassionate, evidence-based, Christian homeless services since 1985, that equip homeless families to rebuild their lives.



## The Impact: One Family's Story

To date, 90% of the clients we've served are still housed, and the remaining have been immediately connected to emergency shelter services with our help. One family we recently served was Cheryl and her 9-year-old daughter. Last year, Cheryl was on the brink of homelessness with nowhere to turn. Her rent was raised, she could not find permanent work, and her landlord delivered an eviction notice; not knowing where to turn, her church called Door of Hope. A case manager worked with her on a budget, helped locate more affordable housing, and acquired one-time financial assistance to pay her first month's rent and security deposit. Now, she is working full-time and paying rent independently, saved from the trauma and disruption of homelessness.

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