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## For Countless Hoosiers, An Indiana Home Is Not What You Think

When it comes to living in Indiana, most of us agree that:

- Hardworking people should be able to afford a home and still have enough money to put food on the table and afford other necessities.
- A stable home is the foundation every child needs to succeed in school—and life.
- The ability to own a home is a cornerstone for creating financial assets that allow us to live better lives and prepare for the future.



Unfortunately, hundreds of thousands of Hoosiers can't find a clean, safe and affordable place to call home. It's a problem that affects more people than you think, including:

- Seniors
- Young couples
- Working families
- Single parents
- People with disabilities
- People and families experiencing homelessness
- Every community, including yours



In fact, quality affordable homes in Indiana are not available to a staggering number of Hoosiers, including:

- 240,000 low-income working households
- 44,000 elderly households
- Tens of thousands of men, women and children who experience the disaster of homelessness each year
- A majority of African-American, Asian-American and Hispanic households that cannot achieve home ownership compared to the vast majority of white households that can
- Far too many Hoosiers with disabilities who can't afford to own or rent a quality home



## What Affordable Homes Are

They're not what you think. Visit [ourindianahome.org](http://ourindianahome.org) and see why.

## What Affordable Homes Mean to Our Communities

To be sure, affordable housing means more people have a stable, decent home. It also benefits everyone in every community because:

- o It creates economic growth through new construction programs.
- o Better housing means more workers, because businesses go where the workforce goes, which leads to additional economic development.

It's also important to our children (and everyone's future) because:

- o Children from all backgrounds have a chance to live in a stable home, which means they can learn more in school (since they're not moving all the time).
- o Low-income parents spend less on housing and more on daycare, which means they can focus on education or additional job training.

## And that's not all:

It reduces public expenditures for emergency housing or institutional settings by providing stable living situations for people who are homeless and those with special needs.

## There Are (Some Surprisingly Simple) Solutions...

...and you can help! The first step is to become a part of Our Indiana Home. Together we'll raise awareness about the need for affordable housing, how it benefits local communities, and how we can help ensure that every Hoosier has access to safe, quality housing that's within their financial means.

Becoming a partner is easy (and free!)—just log on to [www.ourindianahome.org](http://www.ourindianahome.org) and complete the online enrollment form (find out more about the issues—and how they affect us all—while you're there).

**So join us today—and help make sure everyone in Indiana *really* is back home again.**

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