

Our Plan (continued)

Projects and Initiatives

3.) Kauhale

A PLACE TO BUILD COMMUNITIES

“Kauhale” is a Hawaiian term meaning “village.” The Kauhale concept is a traditional cultural model of housing consisting of clusters of tiny homes and communal areas for restrooms, cooking, and gathering, all meant to foster a sense of community and ownership. Kauhale have permanent, stable housing units, and a small amount of rent is charged based on personal income. The average monthly rent will be around \$250.

- A place of social respite
- Meant for our chronically homeless
- Houses up to 300 people per location
- Cost between \$2.5 - \$ 5 million per community

4.) Assisted Community Treatment

A CRITICAL WAY TO SAVE LIVES

Assisted Community Treatment, or “ACT,” is needed for the most severely mentally ill homeless citizens, most of whom are suffering from untreated schizophrenia and/or drug addiction. ACT allows for mandatory treatment when someone is a threat to themselves or others, including living in conditions that cause their health to rapidly deteriorate.

- Mandatory treatment when necessary
- Requires a petitioner and the patient must be found mentally unfit by a judge
- Allows for the administration of long acting, anti-psychotic drugs
- Over 50 individuals have been identified in Hawaii’s urban core who qualify for ACT
- An additional 100 – 150 individuals statewide

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Josh Green is a physician, husband, and father of two who has spent his life caring for Hawaii’s families.



National Health Service Corps where he was deployed to be the local family physician in rural Ka’u on the Big Island of Hawaii.

In 2004, Josh decided to run for the Hawaii State House of Representatives in an effort to bring more attention to the need for drug treatment and medical services in rural Hawaii.

Josh served in the Hawaii State House of Representatives from 2004 to 2008, and went on to serve in the Hawaii State Senate from 2008 to 2018 where he chaired the Health Committee and Human Services Committee.

In 2009 he was named “Hawaii Physician of the Year”.

Josh currently serves as the Lieutenant Governor of Hawaii, and continues to practice medicine as an Emergency Room Doctor on the Big Island.

Josh was first inspired to become a doctor while traveling in India as a young man. Confronted with immense human suffering while traveling in a third-class train car between Madras and New Delhi, he decided to pursue medicine.

After graduating with an Anthropology and Biology degree from Swarthmore College, he attended medical school at Penn State and completed his residency at the University of Pittsburgh.

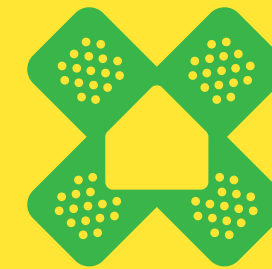
After medical school, Josh volunteered as a physician in missionary hospitals throughout South Africa, working with rural populations suffering from AIDS and malaria.

Upon returning to the United States, Josh joined the

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HOUSING *IS* HEALTH- CARE.



The three most basic necessities in life are food, water, and shelter. Shelter is often overlooked as a key component to wellbeing, and homelessness is the ultimate social determinant of health.

Homeless Consequences

- Exacerbates existing chronic medical conditions including chronic pain
- Infection
- Heightens risk for injury
- High levels of stress
- Exposure to the elements
- High rates of addiction and mental illness



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By The Numbers

Hawaii's Homeless Stats

15,000+

Chronically homeless seek services annually

2019 Point in Time (PIT) Count:

6,448

(Believed to be much higher, at least 8,000, potentially closer to 12,000 on any given night)

53

Average life expectancy of homeless

Highest per capita in the US

Over 3,500 Unsheltered

National Homeless Stats

564,708 homeless people in the United States on any given night

- 25% of this population are children
- 15% of this population are chronically homeless
- 8% of this population are veterans
- 46% have chronic illnesses
- 39% have mental health problems
- 26% have struggle with addiction and drug use



The Cost of Homelessness

State of Hawaii

3.61% of Medicaid population consumes 61% of \$2 billion budget (13,000 = 1.2 Billion)

\$4,450*

*Average cost per day per person in hospitals

Median costs for highest utilizers = *82,000/ year



Nationwide

\$35,000-\$150,000: Cost to society per homeless person annually

\$13,000- \$25,000: Housing costs per person annually

30% of emergency visits are Homeless

Nationwide, 5% of Medicaid users = half of its spending

Emergency visit and hospitalization rates are **9-12 times higher** for homeless individuals vs low income housed patients

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1.) Joint Outreach Centers

A PLACE FOR HEALTHCARE AND CONNECTION

Joint outreach centers are free clinics meant to treat minor illnesses and injuries to prevent minor ailments from becoming major medical issues and to help the homeless avoid expensive emergency room visits.

- Clinics provide medical services alleviating strain on ERs
- First Hawaii location Chinatown saw over 1200 unique patients in the first 10 months
- Saves healthcare system \$105,000 a week
- Collaboration with law enforcement, social service agencies, and housing coordinators
- Primarily provides wound care and mental healthcare, including long acting anti-psychotic meds

2.) Hawaii Homeless Healthcare Hui (The H4)

A PLACE FOR ALL SERVICES

The H4 is a public-private partnership intended to provide comprehensive services to the chronically homeless. Once it is fully operational, this project is expected to save between \$40-60 million each year in ER visits, hospital stays, and serious long-term health consequences.

- Comprehensive Homeless Services
- Hygiene Center
- Free Clinic 24/7/365
- Medical Respite
- Permanent Housing
- Social Workers
- Mental Health Professionals
- Outreach

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