



Texas Homeless Network



December 2025 Newsletter

Welcome to the December edition of the Texas Homeless Network newsletter where we share updates on programs, research, and community-driven efforts addressing homelessness across Texas. This month, we're showcasing our **Stories of Change**, which highlight how coordinated support is helping individuals and families move from crisis to stability. You'll also find **Balance of State news** and upcoming initiatives like the CoC Board election and Point-in-Time count, showing how THN and our partners are making homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring.

***From the Field:** Stories and updates from communities across Texas, highlighting the people and programs making a real difference.*



Stories of Change: The Power of Coordinated Support

Across Texas, lives are being transformed every day by the coordinated, community-driven work of Texas Homeless Network and our partners. From families finding safety to communities reaching milestones in ending homelessness, these moments of change show the real impact of connection, care, and collaboration.

As we enter the **Giving Season**, we're excited to spotlight our **Stories of Change** series, a collection of real stories demonstrating how THN, our partners, and supporters like you are helping Texans move toward stability and hope. This series will culminate in the release of our **10-Year Impact Report**, celebrating a decade of progress.

Explore the first two stories:

- **On the Ground:** A mother fleeing domestic violence found safety and stability for her children through THN's Emergency Housing Voucher program. [Read More](#)

- **In the Field:** THN Operations Coordinator Kraig Blaize-Fiero turned his lived experience with homelessness into leadership, helping more than 5,000 Texans access life-changing resources. [Read More](#)

Coming Soon:

- **On the Journey:** Lisa Gibson rebuilt her life after fleeing domestic violence, finding holistic support through THN partner Southside Community Center. The center has assisted her with securing housing, pursuing her GED, and working toward long-term stability for her family.

- **In the Community:** Abilene's coordinated, data-driven approach, supported by THN, helped the community reach functional zero for veteran and chronic homelessness.

Follow along on our website and social channels as we release these stories throughout the holiday season. Your support helps keep these stories alive and ensures there are many more to come.

Be the Change TODAY!



[THN Careers: Make an Impact—We're Hiring!](#)

Development Manager:

Grow and diversify THN's fundraising portfolio and amplify statewide impact. [Find out more here.](#)

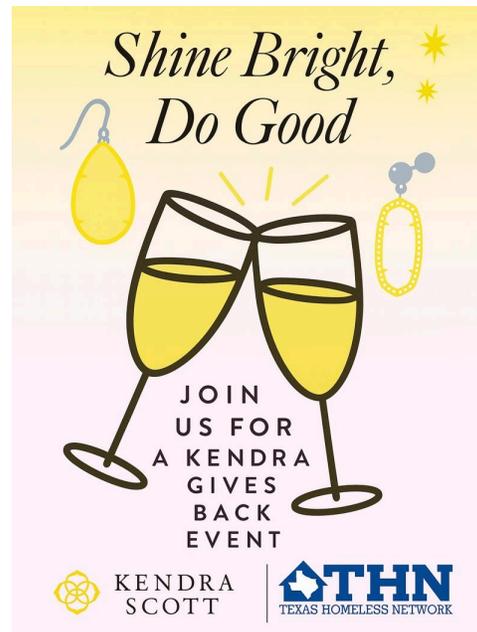
Housing Solutions Family Mentor: Support families in the Laredo area through the Family Trust Project. [Find out more here.](#)

[Shine Bright, Do Good: Support THN at Kendra Gives Back](#)

Join us on **Saturday, December 20th** from **11 a.m.–2 p.m.** at Kendra Scott (3800 N. Lamar Suite 140, Austin). During this event, **20% of all sales will support Texas Homeless Network.**

Can't attend in person?

Use the online code **GIVEBACK-KMKJM** at kendrascott.com from **12/20–12/21**, and 20% of your purchase will benefit THN. Shop for a cause and help us continue making homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring across Texas.



Coordinating Change: Updates from the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care, showcasing statewide coordination, planning, and strategies to end homelessness

[CoC Board Election Update: Additional Seats Added &](#)

Nomination Deadline Extended

The CoC Board election process is underway. Nominations were originally accepted from November 7–28. However, not all seats received nominees, and with the recent addition of Seats 17 and 18, the nomination period has now been extended through **January 4, 2026, at 11:45 PM**. Anyone interested in serving is encouraged to nominate themselves. Odd-numbered seats serve a two-year term; even-numbered seats serve a one-year term.

Seats open for election include:

- Seat 1: Persons with Lived Experience of Homelessness
- Seat 3: Chronically Homeless Persons
- Seat 5: Homeless Youth
- Seat 7: Mental/Behavioral Health
- Seat 9: Local Government
- Seat 10: Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recipient
- Seat 11: Public Housing Agency
- Seat 13: Business
- Seat 15: Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless (TICH) or State Government Agency
- Seat 17: Elected Public Official
- Seat 18: Community Action Agency

Submit your nomination via the online form

For more details, review the CoC Board Requirements Policy. Stay tuned to this newsletter and the THN website for additional election updates.

Questions? Contact Mary Stahlke at mary@thn.org or **512-861-2180**.

TX BoS HMIS platform Gets a New Name

Starting December 1, 2025, the TX BoS HMIS platform will be known as ClientTrack by CaseWorthy. Along with this name update, CaseWorthy brings a new modernized look to the application! The THN Data team will continue to update HMIS users with changes.

Point-in-Time Count Scheduled for Late January

The 2026 Balance of State CoC Point-In-Time count will be occurring on Thursday, January 22nd, 2026. For more information please contact ava@thn.org



2026 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

The PIT Count aims to provide a snapshot of the individuals and families experiencing homelessness in a geographical area over the course of one night.



Where?

Unsheltered Locations

- Cars
- Parks
- Streets/Sidewalks

Sheltered Locations

- Transitional Housing
- Emergency Shelter



When?

**Thursday
January 22nd
2026**



Why?

- To Raise Community Awareness
- To Advocate for Local and Federal Funding
- To Understand characteristics and Trends of Homelessness
- To Engage our Communities in Ending Homelessness

**For More Information:
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