



Homes of Hope
INTERNATIONAL

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5 Benefits of Homes of Hope

#1 ECONOMIC IMPACT

The Need:

52.3% of the population of Mexico live below the national poverty line. Source: The World Bank 2012

24% of urban households (4M homes) in Mexico are located on informal settlements. Source: UN Habitat 2011

20% of homes (5.4M households) exist in inadequate conditions. Of these, 58% (3.2M homes) need to be rehabilitated, improved or expanded and 42% (2.2M homes) need to be completely replaced. Source: UN Habitat 2011

1.14M homes in Mexico have walls or roofs constructed with flimsy materials. Source: UN Habitat 2011

Positive Impacts of Housing a Family:

A debt-free home helps leverage families out of poverty. Conquering the perceived impossibility of owning a home gives a family confidence for victories in other areas of life and hope for a better future – for themselves, and also for their children and future generations.

With adequate shelter, families are kept warm and healthy. Funds can then be used to purchase resources for medical care, education, and other necessities.

Source:
Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development 2015

#2 EDUCATIONAL IMPACT

The Need:

Children who are homeless are not able to properly focus on their education given the ramifications and hardships that come with their living situation. Source: National Alliance to End Homelessness 2010

Homeless children face obstacles including health problems, hunger, transportation difficulties, and lack of necessary school clothing and supplies. These factors are linked to low school attendance rates. Source: Rafferty 1995

Positive Impacts of Housing a Family:

A stable home environment encourages learning and promotes academic success. Children are more likely to attend and stay in school without the distractions and obstacles that come with homelessness.

Success in school and learning has long-term implications for a person's future productivity, career prospects, and worldview.

Source: National Alliance to End Homelessness 2010

#3 HEALTH IMPACT

The Need:

Lack of personal hygiene, good nutrition, basic first aid, access to adequate health care, and funds for medical treatment result in the complex health situation of families without homes.

Source: National Coalition for the Homeless 2009

Diseases that are common among those who are homeless include heart disease, cancer, liver disease, kidney disease, skin infections, HIV/AIDS, pneumonia, and tuberculosis.

Source: O'Connell 2005

#4 TRANSFORMATIONAL IMPACT

The Need:

Families without an adequate home- experience rejection and isolation from their communities, leading to a questioning of their own identities and significance.

Source: Friedman 2000

Families facing homelessness are more likely to separate or dissolve as they often experience instability, stresses, health and safety challenges, and trauma.

Source: The National Center on Family Homelessness 2015

#5 SPIRITUAL IMPACT

The Need:

Families struggling with basic issues of survival find it difficult to see beyond their circumstances and feel isolated from God and others. They can often experience a sense of loss and hopelessness.

Positive Impacts of Housing a Family:

Preventative health care and medical treatment are improved for families living in a home. Disease, injury, and physical ailments from exposure are significantly lessened.

The stability and safety of a home environment are important for establishing and maintaining mental health.

Source: National Coalition for the Homeless 2009

Positive Impacts of Housing a Family:

A home provides a safe and welcoming environment for families to invite others in and demonstrate hospitality to their community.

Families are able to function and relate in a healthy manner without the prolonged and persistent traumatic experiences associated with homelessness.

Sources:

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development 2015

The National Center on Family Homelessness 2015

Positive Impacts of Housing a Family:

The gift of a home through a volunteer group is a practical demonstration of God's love for a family.

Families who receive a home are inspired to respond by giving back to others in need, leading to transformed communities.

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