



Update from the Coalition for the Homeless
November 8, 2018

The Coalition for the Homeless knows that Permanent Housing combined with supportive services is the key to ending homelessness for individuals and families.

The Coalition for the Homeless does not believe that encampments are acceptable living environments for people experiencing homelessness nor are they safe and acceptable for those living near encampments.

73 homeless individuals were identified as living at Wheeler encampment on April 25, 2018 and all those individuals received referrals to a permanent housing program during the initiative that ran through August 31, 2018.

- To-date, 45 of those original 73 individuals have been housed and 8 are in various stages of navigation.
- Although the encampment has been fenced and the individuals are no longer living together in the original encampment area, street outreach partners of The Way Home and housing navigator staff continue to engage with those remaining from the original list to offer them permanent housing options.

After the fencing of Wheeler encampment on Friday, November 2, 15 encampment residents accepted the Coalition/The Way Home's offer of a dedicated bridge bed. It is our understanding that as of this update, 8 individuals remain in their bridge beds.

We know that, after the repurposing of the encampment space, encampment residents may move into other areas of the neighborhood. Neighborhood members can share location information about where those experiencing homelessness are living by emailing healthandsafety@museumparkna.org. The information will then be forwarded to street outreach partners of The Way Home.

The Coalition as lead agency to The Way Home launched the first issue of "The Way Home Community Quarterly" e-newsletter this week to involve the public in the work to end homelessness in the Houston region.

- Use this link to view the most recent issue of The Way Home Community Quarterly: <http://bit.ly/twh4q18>.
- Use this link to sign up for The Way Home Community Quarterly e-newsletter: <https://bit.ly/twhnews>.