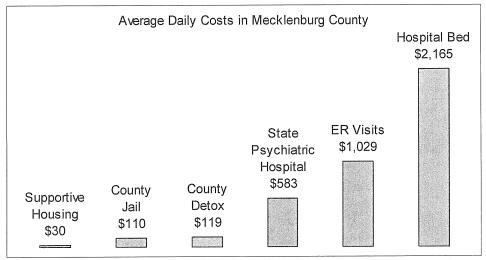
AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS

What WE as a Community MUST DO

Affordable housing is **FAR LESS** expensive than the high public costs of housing people in mental health facilities, hospitals and jails, which serve as *de facto* homeless shelters.



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McCreesh Place

Pairing affordable housing with support services such as medical care, substance abuse treatment, goal setting, has been shown to be a "best practice" that improves the stability of residents in affordable housing.

St. Peter's Homes, Inc.'s McCreesh Place has achieved six (6) years of successfully implementing the <u>first</u> permanent, supportive housing program for homeless, disabled individuals in the Charlotte/Mecklenburg community. On-site staff provides extensive supportive services for 63 formerly homeless, disabled men.

^{*}HSN is a coalition of 39 organizations committed to eliminating homelessness in Mecklenburg County through collaborative and coordinated service delivery, promoting affordable housing, advocating with and for homeless people, and planning and managing responses to needs through a continuum of care.