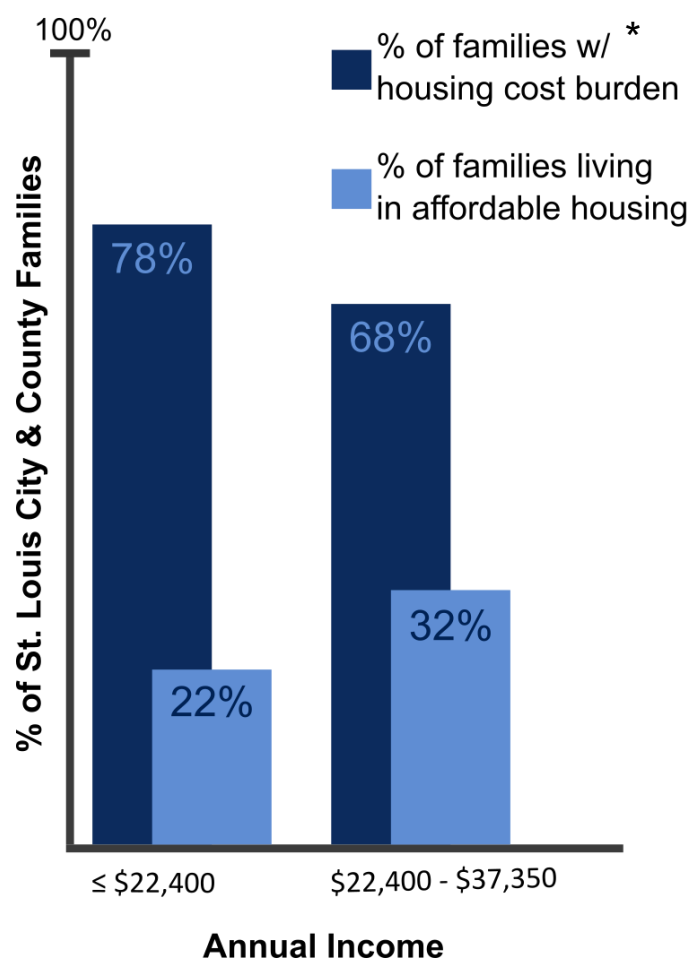


THE HOUSING GAP IN ST. LOUIS

Housing Cost Burden & Annual Family Income



35,000+

Affordable rental units
needed for families making
\$22,400 or less**



* A housing burden exists when a family's housing costs are more than 30% of their annual income. Affordable housing exists when the family's cost housing cost is below 30% of their income.

** \$22,400 is 30% of the regional annual median income in 2021. The Federal poverty level for a family of three in 2021 was \$21,960.

*** Data from the [2021 St. Louis Affordable Housing Report Card](#)

THE OIKOS GROUP

The Hearts, Hands and Homes collaborative began because of the leadership of the Oikos Group. With their support, this initiative is an ecumenical witness to united Christian faith, love of neighbor and a model for collaboration across dividing lines



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MISSION:

to address the affordable housing gap in St. Louis

GOAL:

To raise \$3-6 Million by December 31 2023, to support agency-specific commitments below.

Collaborative Two-Year Goals



834 Families
Served



135 Affordable
Homes Provided



100 New
Homeowners



Serve 100 families with social services for up to 4 years & expand work from north city to also include south St. Louis City



Create 90 affordable rental units & provide credit assistance to 100-200 families



Manage 324 affordable housing units & continue property development in North St. Louis by hiring 2 support staff



Create 20 affordable rental units in north St. Louis City



Serve 75 disenfranchised families in becoming first-time homeowners through down payment assistance



Convert 25 vacant homes in south St. Louis City to become homes for low to moderate income first time homebuyers

STABILITY AND HOMEOWNERSHIP



HOME
OWNERSHIP

HEALTHY
NEIGHBORHOOD

AFFORDABLE
HOUSING

UNHOUSED



"I stand here today with pride knowing that my grandmother didn't suffer in vain because I now own my own home on my own with nobody else to hold financial security over my head and that makes me feel so good."

- Dallas

Pastor Andre called us and was like ' we're not going to make you wait. You got the house. It's yours. Go get your kids. This is home.' "

- Shukara



"As we left the shelter, I needed some assistance. . . without [Catholic Charities] I think I would have been some place I really didn't want to be. . ."

- Loddie

"In 2011, I lost two people very near and dear to me. ... What that 'began' was four years of turmoil, instability and chronic homelessness."

-Bridget



CLIMB TO STABILITY AND HOMEOWNERSHIP



HEARTS
HANDS
& HOMES

HOME
OWNERSHIP

FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SUPPORT



SJHI ST. JOSEPH
HOUSING
INITIATIVE



HEALTHY
NEIGHBORHOOD

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & AFFORDABLE HOUSING



AFFORDABLE
HOUSING



CATHOLIC
CHARITIES
Pathways to
Progress



UNHOUSED



JOIN THE OIKOS GROUP IN SUPPORTING HEARTS HANDS & HOMES

There are two ways you can help us accomplish
the mission of Hearts Hands & Homes



PRAYER is the most important contribution anyone can make. We ask that you pray for the Oikos Group and the Hearts Hands & Homes agency members as well as those they serve



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

You can make gifts online at www.oikosgroup.org/ or by writing a check to “Archdiocese of St. Louis” with a memo of “Oikos Group - Hearts Hands and Homes” and sending it to:

Archdiocese of St. Louis
20 Archbishop May Dr
Saint Louis, MO 63119



WHY ECUMENICAL UNITY?

“I ask not only on behalf of these [12 disciples] but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

- John 17:20-21



“Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose.”

– I Corinthians 1:10

As faith leaders, the members of the *Oikos Group* aim to unite hearts and hands to rebuild St. Louis in the hope that that their partnership would be an ecumenical witness to Christian faith, love of neighbor and a model for collaboration across dividing lines.

