

HOW SOLUTIONS ARE POSSIBLE

IT TAKES ALL OF US TO ADDRESS HOUSING.

LIVED EXPERIENCE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Lived Experience Advisory Council are community members who have experienced unsheltered homelessness and are committed to improving the community in which they live. This council uses their own experiences to shape programs and policies, creating change throughout our community.

The Lived Experience Advisory Council won the Special Needs Housing Development Award at the 2026 Housing Iowa Conference - a recognition of their courage, commitment, and impact on improving our homeless system.

“Their leadership demonstrates what becomes possible when people with lived experience are not simply invited to participate, but are given a meaningful seat at the leadership table. These leaders continue to turn their experiences into action, give back to the community, inform decisions, and help shape services that are more responsive, dignified, and effective. Their voices remind us that the people most directly affected by our systems must play a central role in improving them.”



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