



About HomesUnited



Duane Mellor is the co-founder and President of HomesUnited Ministries, a faith-based nonprofit dedicated to eradicating homelessness through the provision of housing. Since its founding in 2019, HomesUnited has housed over 400 clients across 18 homes in Florida, providing vital resources and support with dignity and compassion.

With decades of experience in ministry and outreach, Duane has worked extensively with populations experiencing homelessness, both through HomesUnited and as the Director of Outreach at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church (CRPC), where he oversees mission trips, outreach events, and programs like Evangelism Explosion. He has led over 30 mission trips to 21 countries, trained more than 200 interns, and developed impactful global partnerships that have reached millions. Guided by his faith and exceptional leadership, Duane is committed to serving those in need and transforming lives locally and globally.



Michael Allen is Co-Founder & Co-CEO of Together Chicago and is now launching Together South Florida. He was born in Kingston, Jamaica and immigrated to Fort Lauderdale, Florida with his family in 1977.

Early in his professional career, Michael was called into ministry under the leadership of Dr. O.S. Hawkins, First Baptist Church – Ft. Lauderdale (1989). In 1997, Michael served as Assistant Pastor of Urban Outreach and Evangelism at The Moody Church in Chicago, IL. Michael also served as the Associate Pastor at Sagemon Church in Houston, TX (2002) and most recently as the Senior Pastor at Uptown Baptist Church. He also serves as Vice Chairman of the board of the Pacific Garden Mission.

Michael holds a Masters in Divinity from Trinity International University, a Bachelors of Arts in Biblical Studies from Trinity College – Miami, FL and an Associates in Computer Electronics.

Michael is married to Marilza from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and they have 4 children.



MISSION

To provide housing to individuals experiencing or at-risk for homelessness with mental illness by uniting with local governments, non-profits, and business partners to secure permanent housing and transform lives through faith-driven support.

VISION

To eradicate homelessness in Broward County and serve as a replicable model nationwide, ensuring safe, stable housing for all and fostering collaborative solutions to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring.



BRIDGING THE GAP WITH BED VOUCHERS

SHARED ROOM VOUCHER

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Family vouchers provide a critical lifeline for homeless families by offering financial assistance to secure stable and safe housing. These vouchers enable families to access private rental housing, bridging the gap between what they can afford and the market rate. By subsidizing rent costs, family vouchers ensure that vulnerable families have a roof over their heads, fostering stability, security, and a supportive environment. This approach not only addresses immediate housing needs but also promotes long-term self-sufficiency, allowing families to focus on rebuilding their lives and achieving independence. Family vouchers can be used in conjunction with supportive services, such as job training, counseling, and educational programs, to help families thrive and break the cycle of homelessness.



- **Flexible housing options: shared rooms, SRO's, and modular family units**
- **Incentivizes landlords to expand permanent supportive housing capacity**
- **Reduces shelter overcrowding and accelerates transition to stable housing**
- **Decreases recidivism by fostering long-term housing stability and support**

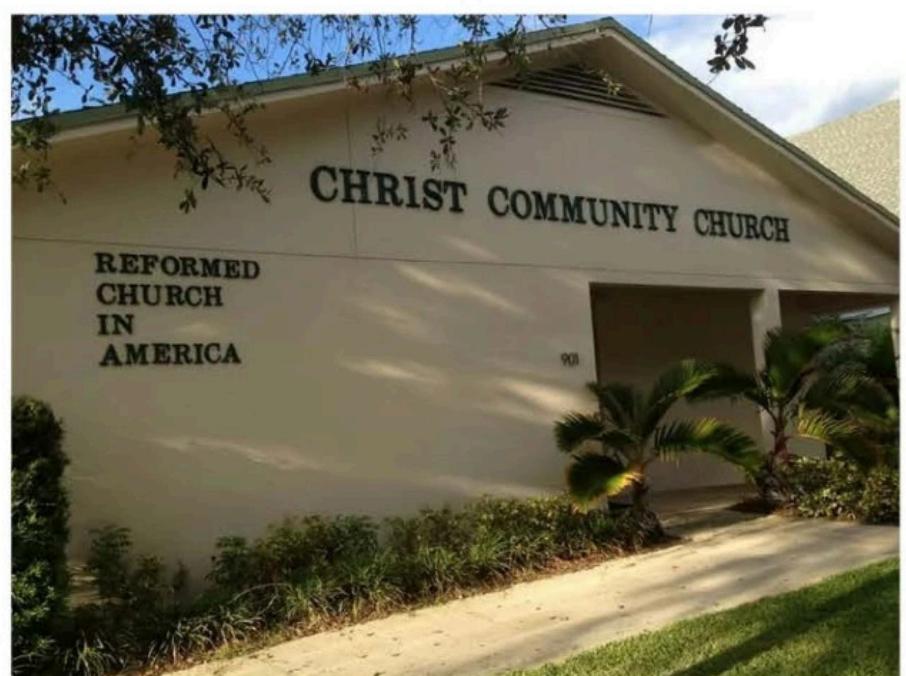
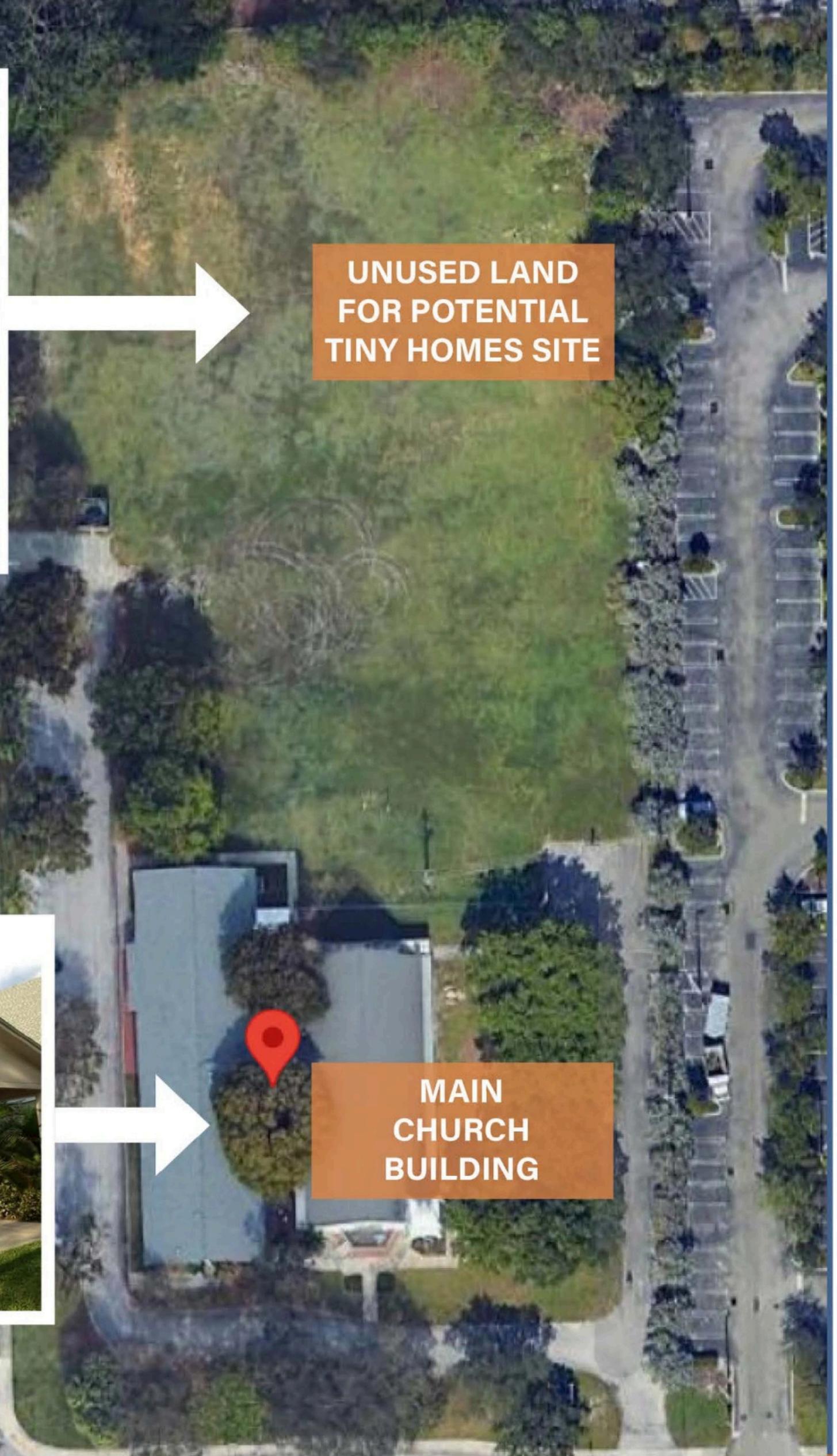
CASE STUDY

Christ Community Church

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1,800 acres of “church owned” land in Broward County
and only **2,500** unhoused men, women, and children...
together we can solve this problem!

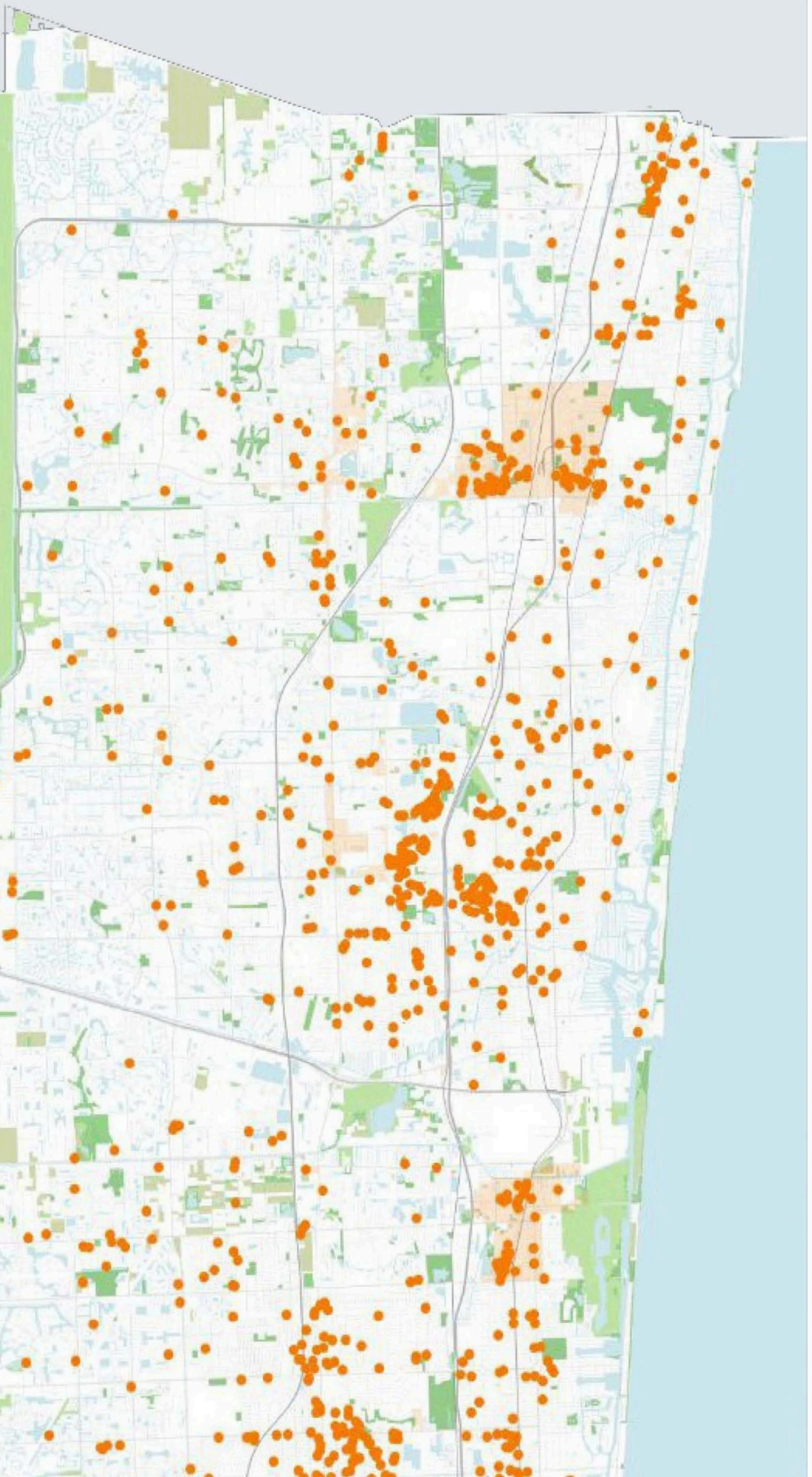
Potential Sites

873 churches in Broward Co.

806 churches (92%) own their
own land (● on map)

Average FAR - 0.24

*assumes Floor Area Ratio 0.25, 110 sf/person



THE PATH TO HOUSING





NEW INNOVATIONS FOR SOLVING THE HOUSING CRISIS

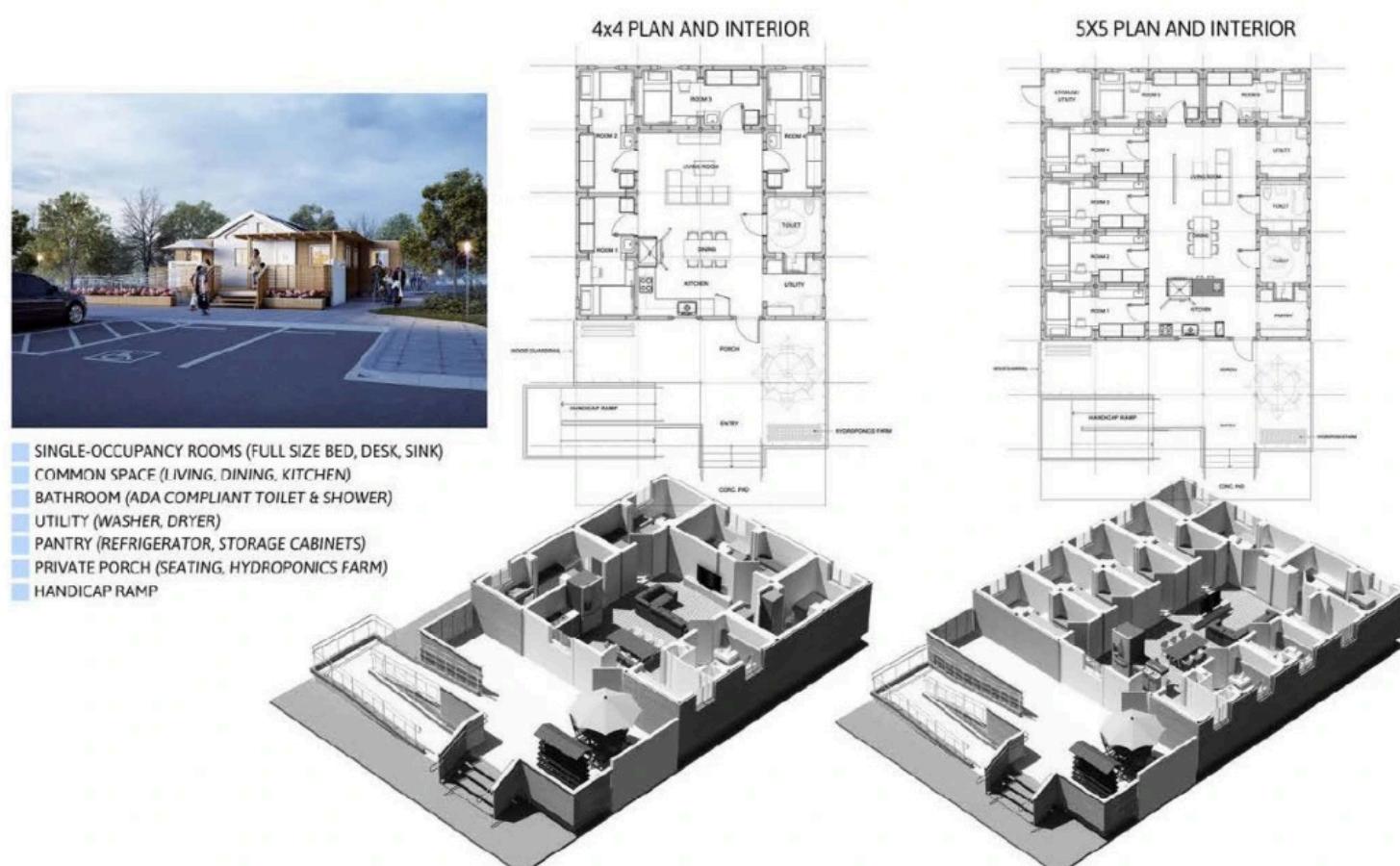


NOVA DOME

Striving to build safe & secure communities.

Hard shell fiberglass composite dome shelters that offer dependable, low-maintenance housing options for the homeless. Can be constructed on any surface with minimal ground disturbance.

Assembled in just hours! Unique panel and hardware design allows for rapid deployment and immediate use. A crew of only 3-5 people are needed, with no special tools required for assembly.



LIFEARK

Now more than ever, we need innovative solutions to deal with this complex and challenging issue.

At its core, homelessness is an affordable housing problem. LifeArk offers a cost effective and highly configurable solution that can be implemented quickly. We seek to design solutions that will revolutionize current notions of housing for people experiencing homelessness.

LifeArk is also designed to provide Permanent Supportive Housing, Bridge Housing, and Emergency Shelters with the flexibility in configurations to meet the different needs of different counties and cities.

Traditional housing solutions are costly, with rates ranging from **\$50 - \$180 per bed day**, without factoring in the cost of emergency services usage. Each unsheltered individual costs taxpayers an average of **\$51,000 annually**, compared to just **\$17,000** to be housed in HomesUnited single-family residences. Innovative solutions like modular homes can offer a replicable model for permanent supportive housing at an even lower price-point, while also providing sustainability. Churches could partner to provide affordable, compassionate housing at a **third of traditional cost**, creating a redemptive, community-driven solution.

BOXABL / TINY HOMES

New to the market -- cost-effective, green energy, modular solutions. Boxabl is an innovative housing construction technology company based in Las Vegas, Nevada. Founded in 2017, Boxabl aims to transform the housing industry by mass-producing modular, prefabricated homes using advanced manufacturing techniques. Their flagship product, the Casita, is a compact, single-room unit that can be quickly assembled on-site, offering a cost-effective and efficient housing solution. With a focus on sustainability and affordability, Boxabl is paving the way for the future of housing with their versatile and stackable modular homes.

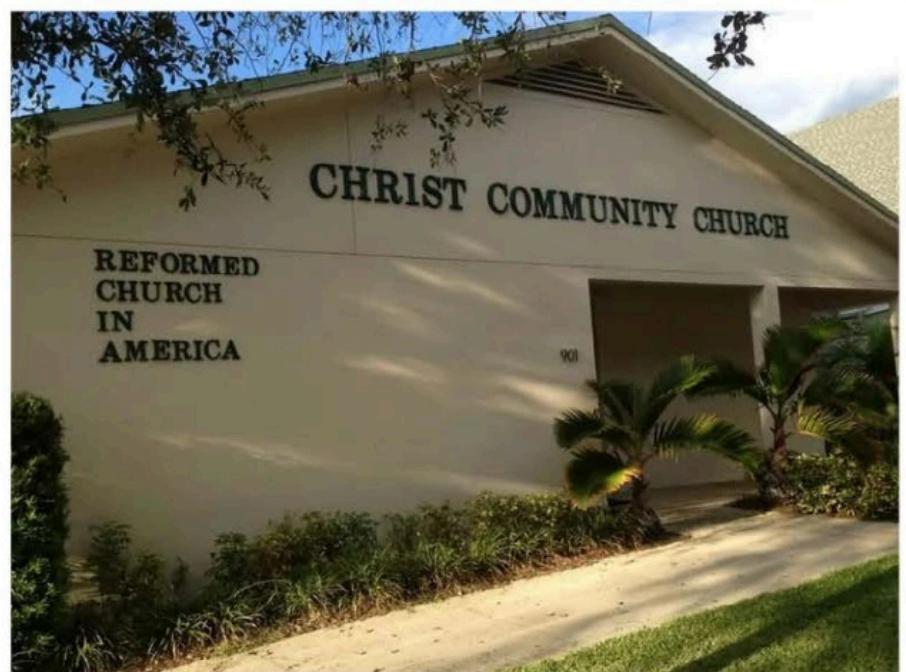
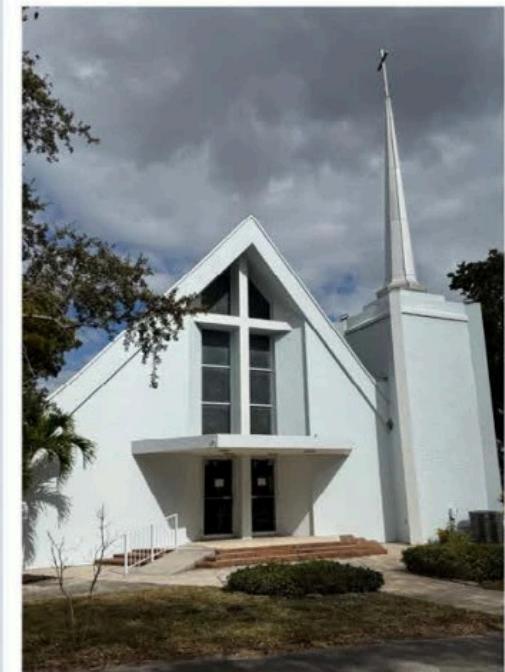
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SRO VOUCHER (MODULAR)

Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units offer an effective and dignified approach to addressing homelessness by providing secure, private living spaces. SRO housing typically includes individual rooms with shared common areas such as kitchens and bathrooms, enabling cost-effective housing solutions while ensuring privacy and personal space for each resident. This model not only delivers immediate shelter but also fosters a supportive environment where residents can build a sense of community and independence. SRO units can be developed within existing buildings or newly constructed facilities, making them a versatile and scalable solution to meet the diverse needs of homeless individuals and families.

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