



“They (the kids) tore through the apartment, jumping and smiling, planning where things would be in their room.”
—Tracy



“Government cannot fix homelessness. What it’s going to take is a community effort.”
—Ross Mason, Regional Director, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

“CATCH is illustrative of the type of projects that are improving the lives of residents in cities and towns across the country.”
—Donald Borut, Executive Director, National League of Cities

Eligibility

- Married or domestic couple, or single parent with children under the age of eighteen.
- Must be homeless with no other housing available and currently living in a homeless shelter or place not meant for human habitation.
- Must be a US citizen, or documented resident.
- No registered sex offenders.
- Must not have any outstanding warrants in any state.
- No convictions or arrests for crimes of violence against persons or property within the last five years.
- No current use of illegal substances. If applicant has been arrested for possession or use of illegal substances with the last six months, he/she must be actively participating in a rehabilitation program.
- Must be willing to submit to a drug test upon request (all members 18 and older).
- Must be a Treasure Valley resident (for at least one year prior to application).
- Must demonstrate willingness and motivation to work towards achieving self-sufficiency and obtaining permanent housing.



If you are homeless with children...

Please contact a local homeless shelter provider (or call 211) to connect with immediate services. These agencies can help determine your eligibility for CATCH, and provide you with a CATCH application.



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catch: v.; keep from falling

CATCH, Inc. was founded in 2010 as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization committed to re-housing and serving homeless families with children. The program model was originally implemented by the City of Boise in 2006, and first replicated by the City of Caldwell in 2009. CATCH was honored by the National League of Cities with the prestigious Silver Award for Municipal Excellence in 2008. In 2010, the US Department of Health and Human Services nationally recognized CATCH as an innovative model linking housing and services for homeless families.



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What is CATCH?

Charitable Assistance To Community's Homeless (CATCH) is a community-wide, collaborative effort designed to rapidly re-house homeless families with children, and support them for up to six months with rental assistance and intensive case management. CATCH represents an unprecedented public/private partnership between local congregations of faith, area businesses, regional government, and the United Way.



"We were at the bottom, hopeless, and left with no options and your program reached out and lifted us up and showed us we can succeed."—Sarah



"Anyone who has ever tried to be helpful knows how hard it is to actually be helpful. CATCH is helpful to families, and we are privileged to be a part of it." —Pastor Mark Davis, First Presbyterian Church

"You gave us life back." —Dawn



CATCH families are referred by local, emergency homeless shelters. Upon acceptance into the program, families are immediately moved into a housing unit (typically an apartment with the lease in their name) and provided basic household furnishings. If not already working, adults are given up to sixty days to find employment and provided a wealth of community resources. The ultimate goal of CATCH is self-sufficiency, and participants are expected to pay their own rent within six months. Approximately 86% of homeless families who enter CATCH are able to pay their own rent upon graduation of the program.

Why CATCH?

- **Housing First Approach**
Permanent housing marks the end of a homeless episode. To house a family first, and then resolve to assist them with the resources to sustain them is the proven best way to help.
- **Intensive Case Management**
Case management is the glue that makes the assistance stick. Since there is no stereotypical homeless situation, case managers work with families to address the unique issues that contributed to their homeless episode.
- **Broad, Community Collaboration**
The beauty of public/private partnership is that no one agency is shouldering the entire load. CATCH brings together government, communities of faith, local businesses, the United Way, and non-profit service providers for the benefit of families in need.
- **Maximizes Community Resources**
There is no need to reinvent the wheel. There are many agencies that serve the public with many relevant programs and assistance. CATCH Case Managers connect families with community resources which they might otherwise never discover on their own.
- **Works Closely with Shelters**
CATCH is a direct line to the front lines. Families in homeless shelters need help getting back on their feet, which is why all referrals to CATCH come directly from local, emergency homeless shelters.



"What's the role of government, what's the role of business, what's the role of religion? Instead of dividing us, CATCH brings us together" —Rabbi Dan Fink, Ahavath Beth Israel



"CATCH ensures that the business community isn't just throwing money at the problem but that we are a part of an organized effort to get at the core needs of these families." —Jim Tomlinson, Founder, Tomlinson & Associates



How You Can Help

Be a CATCH-22 partner

Your contribution of \$22 or more per month will help homeless families with children find a way out of their situation.



Sponsor a family

Your business, congregation, or organization may sponsor a family (helping to pay rent for up to six months).

Volunteer

CATCH welcomes volunteers from all walks of life to give the gift of time. The power of individual connection can change a life.

Donate household furnishings

CATCH accepts gently used furniture, and is registered at Target, KMart, and Walmart.

Run/Walk in the annual CATCH Me If You Can 5K

Each Fall, the CATCH Me If You Can 5K attracts over 200+ runners and walkers, and raises funds to support the CATCH of Ada County program.



Dine at the annual Harvest for Homes Banquet in Caldwell

In October, the Harvest for Homes Banquet includes a great meal, dueling pianos, and live/silent auctions with over 50 amazing packages donated by the community.



"We are impacting and changing people's lives" —Mayor Garret Nancolas, City of Caldwell

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