



A HOME FOR EVERYONE - 22 oct - 2026

Today we are here to talk about something that seems simple, yet contains everything that matters: a home. Because a home is not just a roof overhead.

A home is safety when there is fear. It is peace of mind when everything around is uncertain. It is a place where you can sleep, shower, cook, eat and rest. It is a space where no one judges you, where you can be yourself, close a door and feel safe. It is the place where you belong. A home is dignity. It is having a place of your own, however small, where you can invite someone in, share a meal, keep memories, plan for the future and rebuild your life. It is feeling loved, listened to, accepted and respected. Because we do not only need housing; we need relationships, community and recognition.

All of us have, at some point, needed to feel that we belonged somewhere. To a family, a neighbourhood, a community, a city. Belonging gives us security, identity and hope. It reminds us that we are not alone.

Yet far too many people today are deprived of that right. They know what it means not to know where they will sleep tomorrow. They know what it means to queue for basic necessities, to search for a place to spend the night, to feel vulnerable, to be ignored, or to notice how many people look away rather than see them. They know what it means to feel excluded from the community.

The street is not a home. Living on the street makes people ill. It damages both physical and mental health. It creates fear, breaks life projects and forces people to live in a constant state of alert. No one can fully develop their life without a safe place where they can rest, protect themselves and regain strength.

That is why we want to remind everyone of something essential:

People experiencing homelessness are not invisible. They are not numbers. They are not case files. They are not labels.

They are people with stories, abilities, dreams, rights and dignity. People who want exactly the same as anyone else: to live peacefully, feel safe, have opportunities and be part of society.

We want a community where all people are valued and respected. A community that listens without judging. That looks people in the eye. That calls people by their name. That fights discrimination, rejection, racism and prejudice against people living in poverty. That welcomes those who come from other parts of the world without judging them for their origin or ethnic background.

A community that understands that human dignity does not depend on income, origin, administrative status or life circumstances.

Therefore, today we call for:

- The effective right of every person to decent housing.
- Accessible, affordable and stable homes.
- More employment and social opportunities.
- Adequate support for those experiencing vulnerability.
- Easy access to rights and resources, without bureaucratic barriers that exclude people.
- Cities and neighbourhoods where nobody is pushed aside or made invisible.
- Spaces where people can meet, build relationships and create community.
- The right of every person to be heard, respected and treated with dignity.

Because no one should be left behind.

No one should live without the security of a home.

No one should be rejected because of their economic situation.

No one should lose the opportunity to start again.

We know that solidarity can change lives. Because a meal is not just a meal. A bed is not just a bed. A

conversation is not just a conversation. They are gestures that say: “We see you”, “We hear you”, “You matter”.

That is why we call upon society, institutions and every citizen not to look away. Because as long as there are people experiencing homelessness, our collective task remains unfinished. And because a home is not a privilege. It is a right.

And every person deserves a place where they belong.

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