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Dear friends,

We are pleased to share some updates about what ECHO staff has been working on this summer. On July 31 nearly 200 people attended the 2018 Solutions to Homelessness summer meeting to discuss the [Action Plan to End Homelessness](#) and encourage the community to get involved. Mayor Steve Adler and Senator Kirk Watson (D-TX) inspired the crowd with remarks about the progress in the community, and encouraged us all to step up and do more. A rousing drum roll announced new business and community partnerships and contributions from several participants, including Cielo Property Group and Amazon Web Services.

Judy Maggio facilitated a panel discussion including Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo, Darilynn Cardona-Beiler from Integral Care and Susan McDowell from Lifeworks. The panel discussed community initiatives to end homelessness and how the City Council is addressing the issue of racial and economic division in Austin. Check out [news coverage](#) of the event and our video [here](#).

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### ***National Association to End Homelessness (NAEH) Conference***

We were thrilled to attend this conference in Washington D.C. and bring back more information on best practices to end homelessness. Our executive director Ann Howard spoke to attendees about her experience working with business leaders and elected officials to gain support in the work we do. Find out more about NAEH [here](#).

### ***Youth Homelessness***

Did you know that Austin was one of only a few communities nationwide to receive funding for a Youth Homeless Demonstration Project? We are thrilled to be working with Lifeworks to implement three new projects aimed at helping youth have stable housing. Please see the Community [Plan](#) to End Youth Homelessness by 2020.

### ***Continuum of Care (CoC)***

ECHO leads the CoC, which is designated by HUD as the planning body for homeless services in Travis County. Our Membership Council just approved project rankings for HUD funding next year. We are excited about the possibilities for funding services to help more of Austin's elderly population, and those experiencing domestic violence. Learn more about our CoC [here](#).

Want to find out more about what we do? Click [here](#) for more information. Looking to get more involved? Join one of our [workgroups](#). AND – please

forward this email to others – we're eager to spread the word about ECHO's work.

Please consider a [donation](#) to help us do all we can to implement [Austin's Action Plan to End Homelessness](#). We are fiercely committed to ending homelessness, and hope you will join us.



All the best,

Ann Howard  
Executive Director



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