

# Answering the Call

Creating Solutions for Homelessness



# Getting started

- Welcome
- Quick recap/level setting



A photograph of a shelter interior. In the foreground, a man with grey hair and a beard is sleeping on a bed with a white pillow and blue blanket. In the background, other people are sleeping on similar beds. A person is sitting up in the distance, reading a book. The room has a carpeted floor and a doorway in the background.

# Session 3:

Shelter From the Storm

## In this session:

We will hear from Matt about how seemingly small things make a big difference

We will name the challenges of creating shelter spaces

We will hear from a panel about their experiences in setting up shelter

We will give some practical steps for getting started

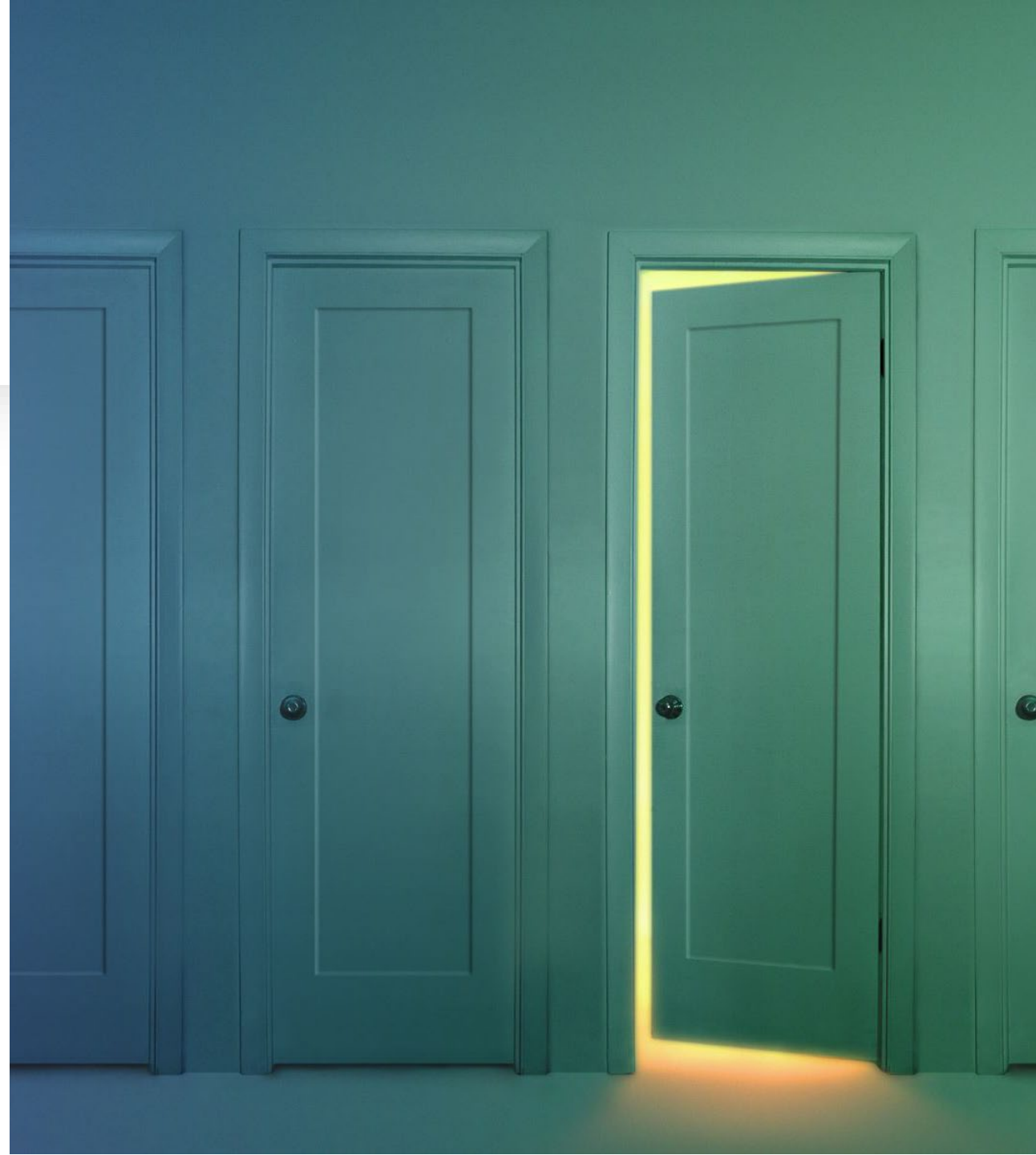




# Interview with Matt

# Reflection: breakout rooms

- What struck you most in the story?
- What small things added up to an important result?







# The sheltering gap

What makes this hard



A photograph of a room, likely a shelter, with several folding cots arranged in rows. The room has a corkboard on the wall, a clock, and large windows. The text "Gimme Shelter" is overlaid on the image.

# “Gimme Shelter”:

Panelists talk about their experience of creating shelter



# Get involved

Connect	Connect and get educated about innovative success
Volunteer	Volunteer at an existing shelter
Conversate	Begin conversations in your local community around code blue/code red needs
Advocate	Advocate for permission in your local community to address needs
Activate	Activate by convening a group of local people who want to get started

# The Values

- HUMANS HELPING HUMANS

- “Nail Soup”

- There’s something for everyone to do

- Bring the thing you have

- “Find the Gap, Don’t Overlap”

- A local response to local need





# The puzzle pieces

- A host place
- Equipment/furnishing
- Permission
- Oversight
  - Champions
  - Volunteers
  - Operations guide/practices
- Training
- Partners
  - Network
  - Non-profit

# The Process

## Convening

## Information gathering

- Local context
- Statement of need

## Asset Inventorying

## Setting the goal and steps

## Self-directed process

- What's the next thing?
- Who do we need?
- Enough structure



# Digging deeper; resources

- [Home - The Chalmers Center](#)
  - “Discover, Design, Do”
- [Home - Pallet Shelter](#)
  - Pallet shelter communities as shelter/transitional housing

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# How Can You Reach Us?

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