

we're the

charlottesville care bears



**HOUSING IS
A HUMAN
RIGHT**

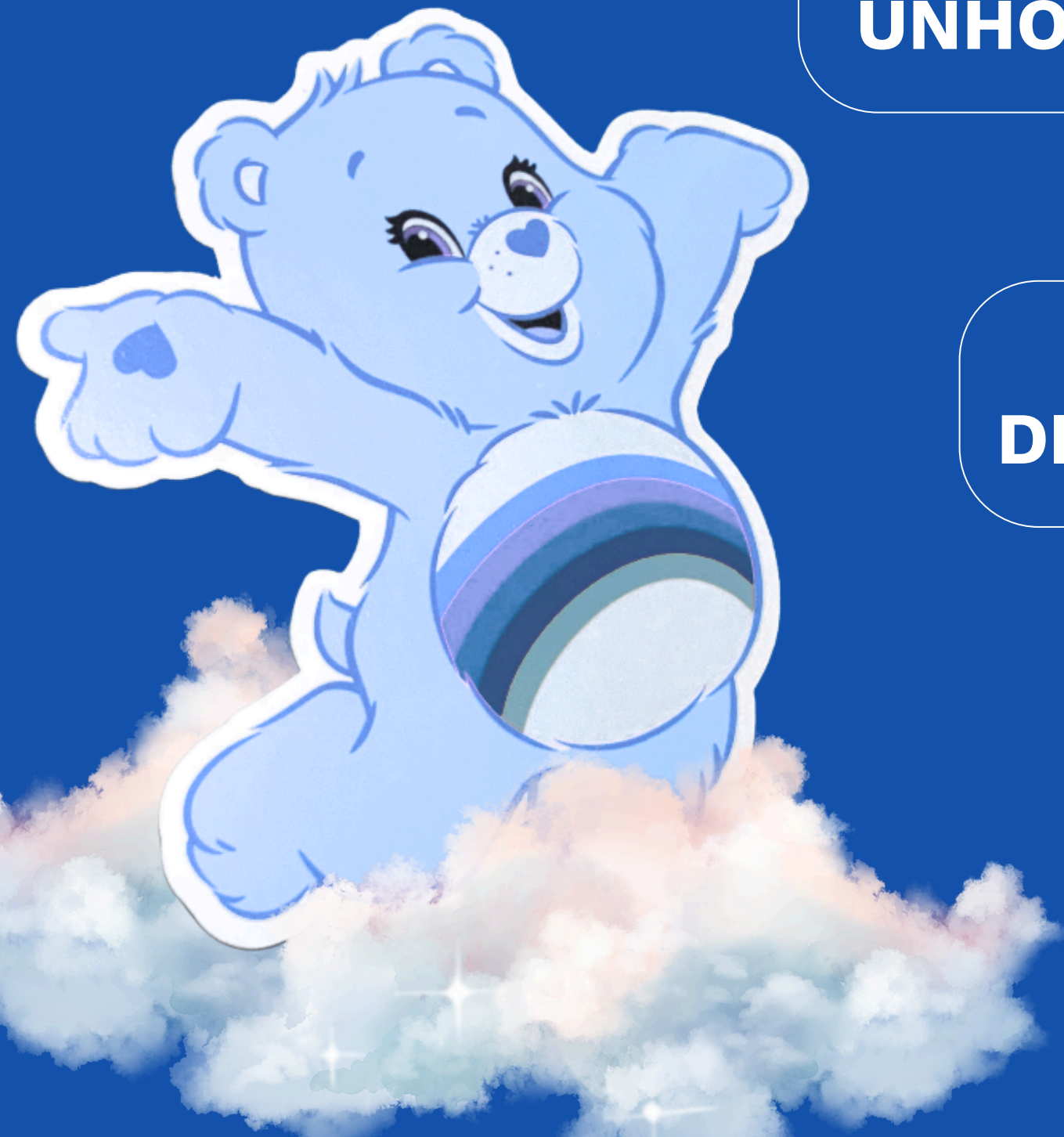
**HOUSING FOR ALL
WHO WANT IT,
AUTONOMY FOR
UNHOUSED FOLKS**

**NO FORCED
DISPLACEMENT**

**SURVIVAL UNDER
CAPITALISM
THROUGH
MUTUAL AID**

**SOLIDARITY WITH LIBERATORY
MOVEMENTS, NO ONE IS FREE
UNTIL ALL ARE FREE.**

core principles



what we do

Care Bears is a non-hierarchical, 100% volunteer-run organization that fulfills the following goals to the best of our abilities:

procure and deliver goods, like tents, clothing, water, ice, food, battery-powered fans, and much more

MUTUAL AID

Care Bears responds to scheduled and emergency needs of Charlottesville's unhoused population. Most of our activities center around the Free Bridge encampment and the Downtown Mall.

provide transportation services to medical appointments, parole appointments, and other services, like the Haven

put folks in hotels in medical and other emergencies using donated funds. ex: we hoteled upwards of 40 unhoused folks in the most recent winter storm

ADVOCACY

Care Bears advocates for humane, compassionate, and generous treatment of our unhoused neighbors by our elected officials and beyond.

we believe it is the responsibility of our elected officials to ensure affordable (**free** when necessary) housing to **all**.

find our members at city council meetings, pressuring our elected officials to avoid displacement and provide necessary resources.

the current moment:

POLICE HARASSMENT

Our unhoused neighbors are harassed and arrested by police ***constantly***. Frequent arrests render them unable to qualify for housing and certain social services, and make it exceedingly difficult to gain employment, trapping our neighbors in a cycle of permanent houselessness.

OVERWORKED SOCIAL SERVICES

Many view Charlottesville as a non-profit hub. But the non-profits here do not have the bandwidth to serve our neighbors at Free Bridge. Care Bears exists to try to fill this gap. But we, similarly, are overworked and underfunded. We also lack the benefits enjoyed by a formal organization.

NO OTHER OPTIONS

Our neighbors have coalesced around Free Bridge because the overnight shelters here are high barrier, and they have been displaced from every other campsite.

IMMINENT DISPLACEMENT

City Council is ready to displace our neighbors from this site, and will use police force to do it if they deem it necessary. We expect displacement efforts to increase in the upcoming months as flood season begins.

DONATE

Care Bears survives on 100% donated funds. Your donation could help us procure life-saving ice and water in this heat, a new tent, or a hotel room for someone in a medical emergency.

@ cvillecarebears on venmo
\$cvillecarebears on cashapp

VOLUNTEER

Care Bears is 100% volunteer run. We're always looking for trusted folks to join us. Reach out to one of us, or dm us on instagram @ cvillecarebears.

we need you.

PRESSURE CITY COUNCIL

Attend a City Council meeting or email your city councilors. Tell them that as a voter, this issue matters to you. Let them know that you oppose forced displacement and want to see housing options for low- no-income folks **now**.

spread the word by following us on instagram and sharing our account with your friends :)

@ cvillecarebears

HOW ELSE CAN YOU HELP?

You know your skills best! Do you have contacts that can influence this issue? Connection to critical resources? A large network you can spread the word to? Talk to us about ways you can plug in.