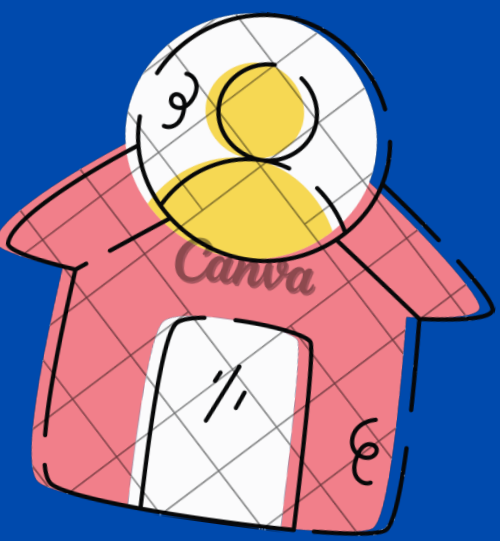
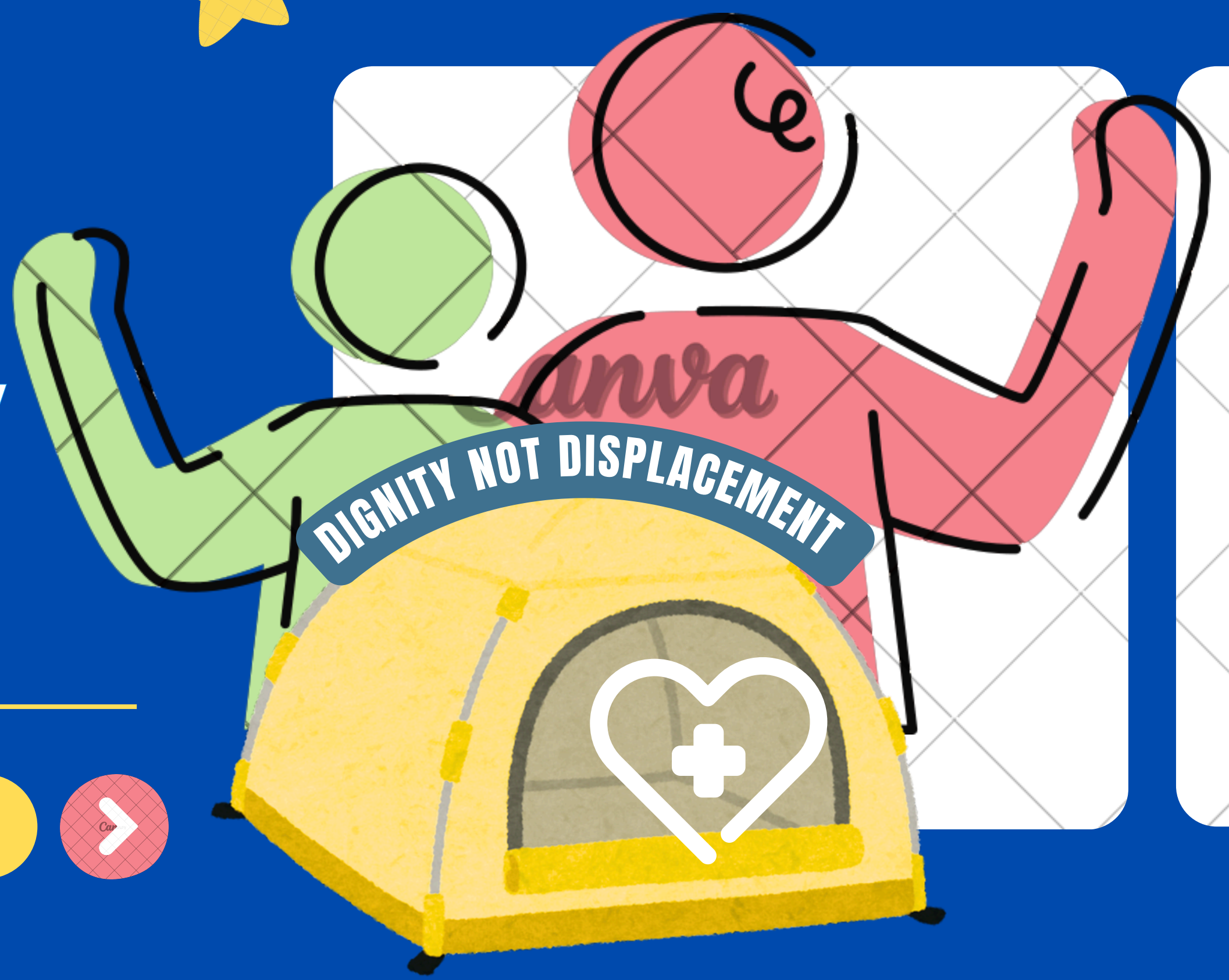




Cville Community Bears Care

Mutual Aid for Unhoused Neighbors

Community Updates & Support



Unhoused in Charlottesville

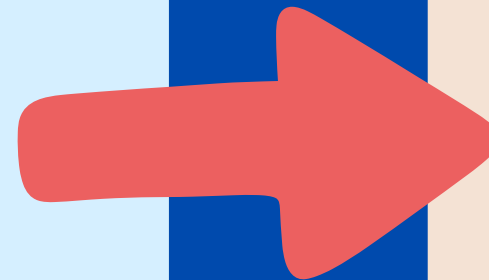
300- 700 known local unhoused neighbors according to BRACH & The Haven



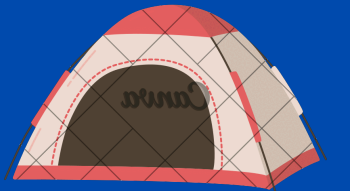
Lack of Shelter

The only area overnight shelter is already **at capacity** and poses **significant barriers** for many unhoused residents.

The city is planning an “**emergency shelter**” at Holiday Drive location but services and space are expected to be limited and temporary.

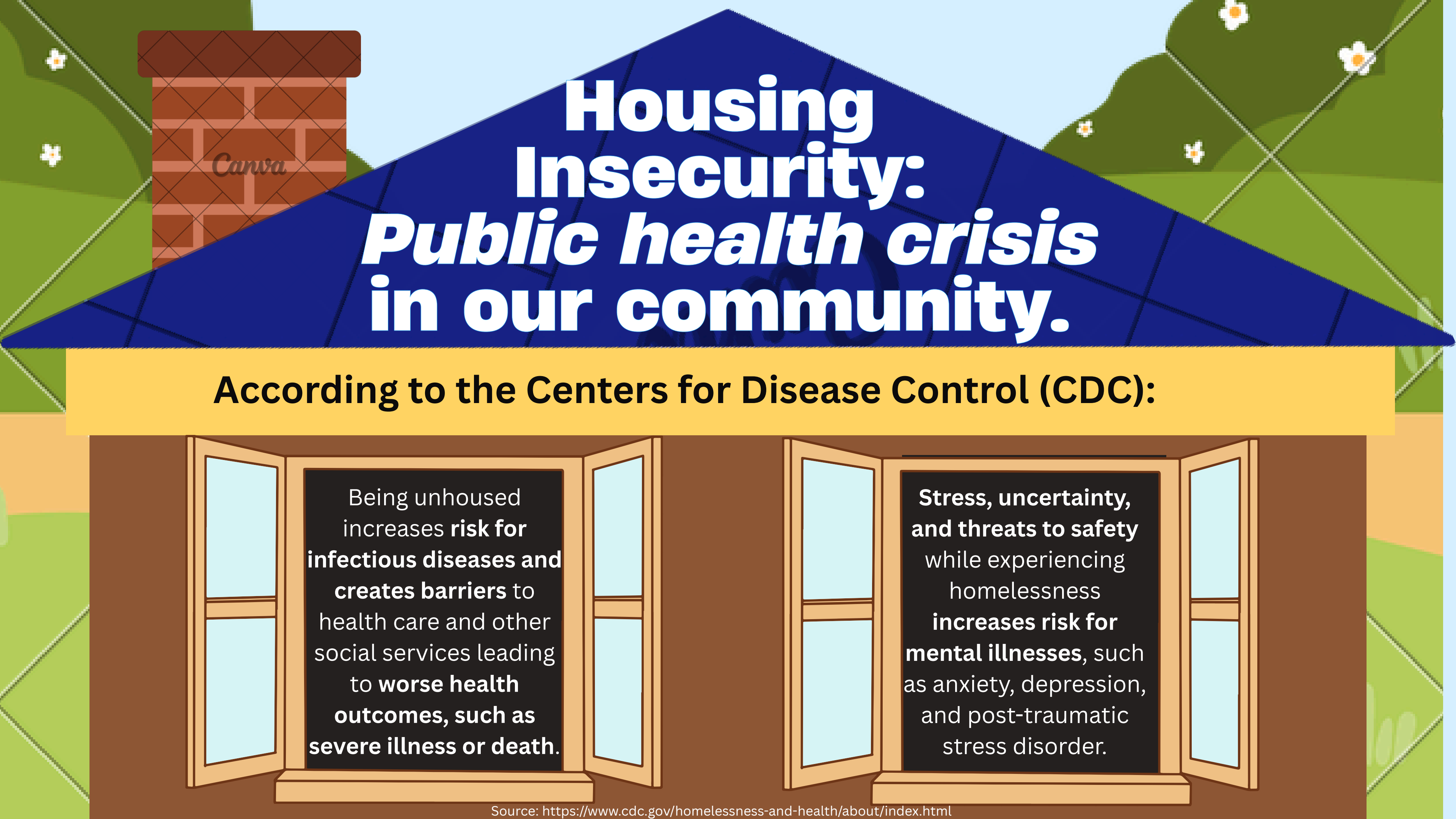


Move to Camps



With **no housing or shelter options**, the unhoused have also been displaced from nearly every outdoor site in the city, including a **forced displacement** from Market Street Park in 2024.

This has left unhoused residents with **camping along the Rivanna River** as their only option.

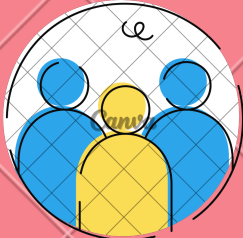
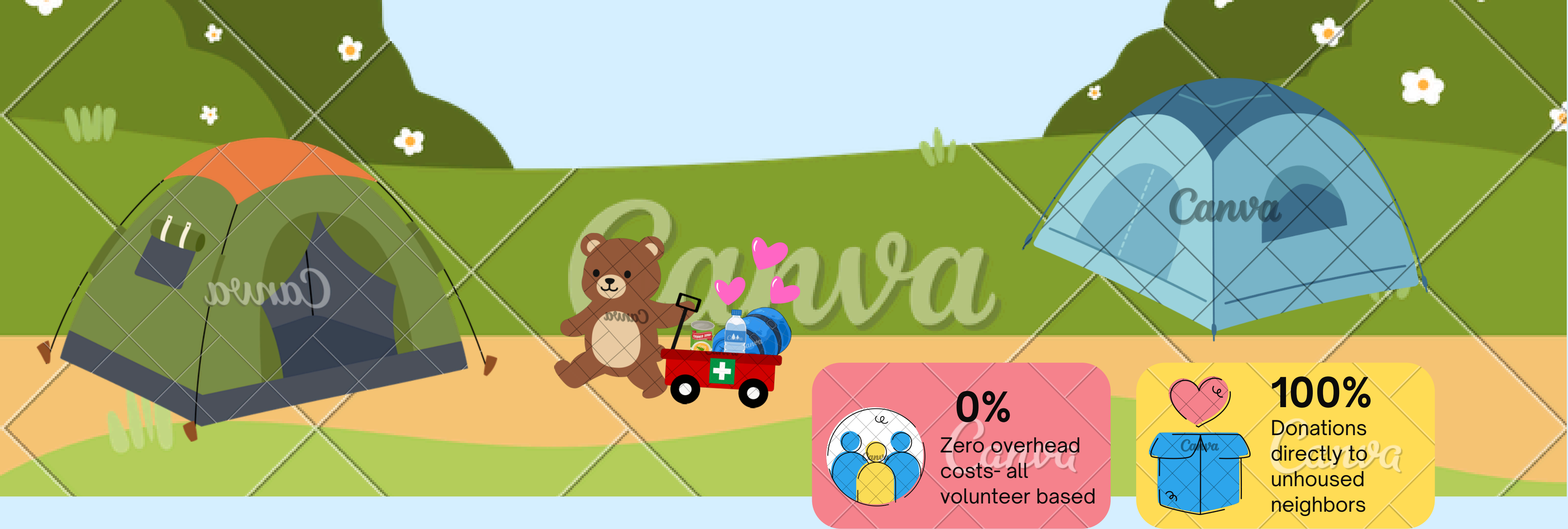


Housing Insecurity: *Public health crisis* in our community.

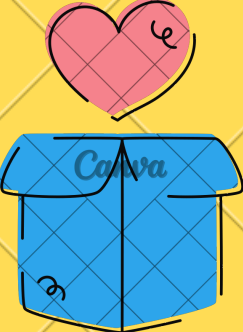
According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC):

Being unhoused
increases **risk for
infectious diseases and
creates barriers** to
health care and other
social services leading
to **worse health
outcomes, such as
severe illness or death.**

**Stress, uncertainty,
and threats to safety**
while experiencing
homelessness
**increases risk for
mental illnesses**, such
as anxiety, depression,
and post-traumatic
stress disorder.

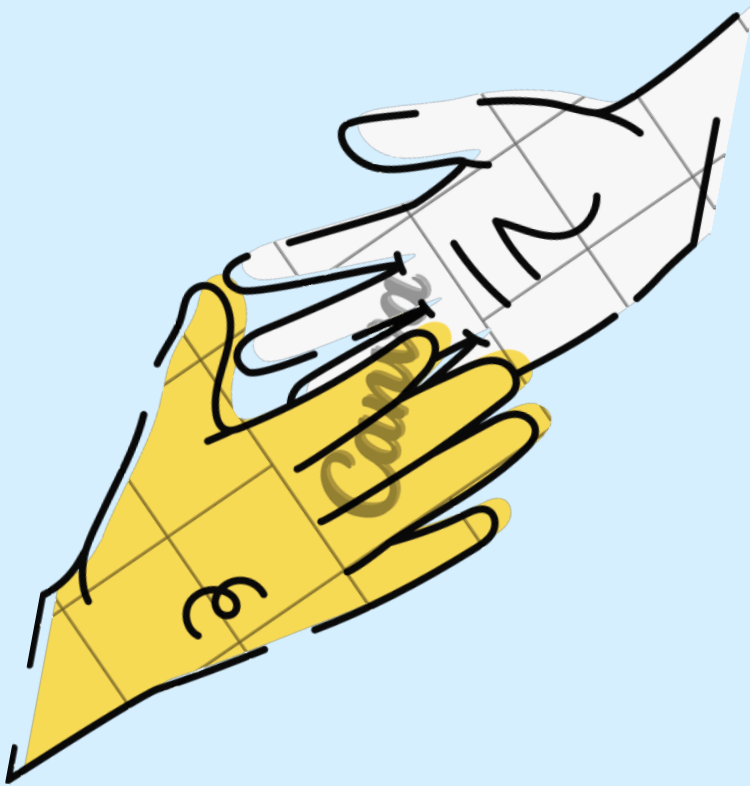


0%
Zero overhead costs- all volunteer based



100%
Donations directly to unhoused neighbors

Who we are: Cville Community Care Bears



MUTUAL AID MODEL
We are housed and unhoused Cville area community members working for mutual aid. We have no overhead or headquarters- only people organizing together to get needs met ASAP!



Dignity NOT Displacement

We believe that housing is a human right. Policies must be “housing first” with respect for autonomy. NO FORCED REMOVAL.

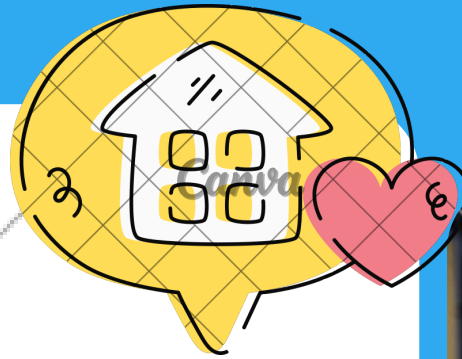
Services not Surveillance

We believe that true safety comes from care and resources not policing, punishment, or surveillance.

Mutual Aid & Community Care

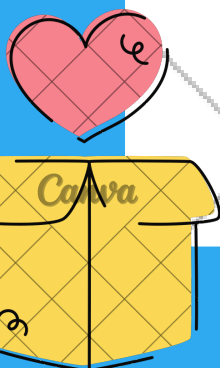
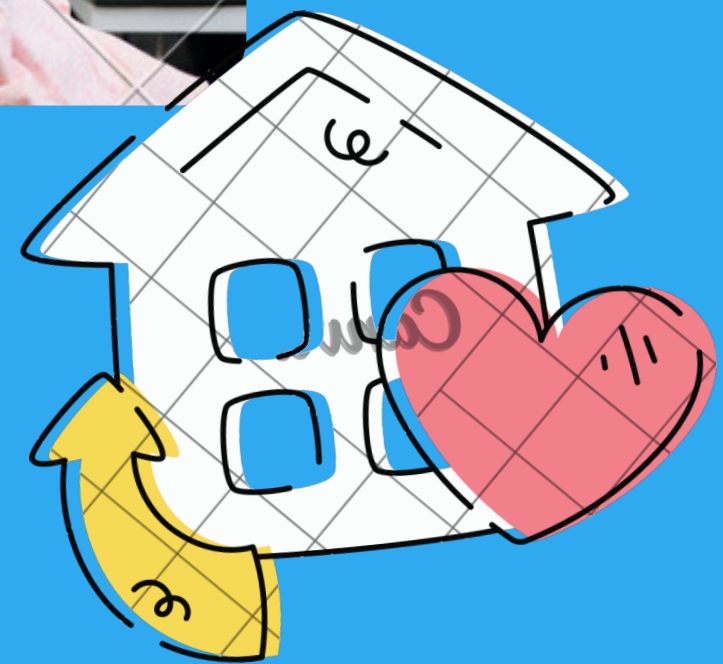
We believe we all have the responsibility and capacity for community care.

We understand that unhoused neighbors know what they need and support their goals.



Our Values

Cville Care Bears





What we do:

Supplies & Material Support

We collect **funds and supplies** to meet material needs:

- tents, camping supplies
- outdoor heating & cooling help
- food, water, ice
- toiletries, health supplies

Transportation & Emergency Shelter

We assist with **transportation** and connecting to community resources for health and legal services.

We provide **hotel stays** for unhoused patients with **health emergencies** that require shelter.

Community Organizing & Advocacy

We organize and advocate for the **rights of unhoused** community members.

We organize and advocate for **housing justice for all.**

HOUSING FIRST!



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UVA Hospital Hotel Policy

Current Policy Threats to Health

UVA currently has **hotel rooms** reserved for patients who travel from outside the city to the hospital for care, but **deny access to unhoused patients** in need of shelter for recovery from serious illness and medical procedure.

Unhoused patients are discharged to outdoors **risking their health outcomes**. Care Bears and health practitioners struggle to **fund hotels on their own** for unhoused patients.



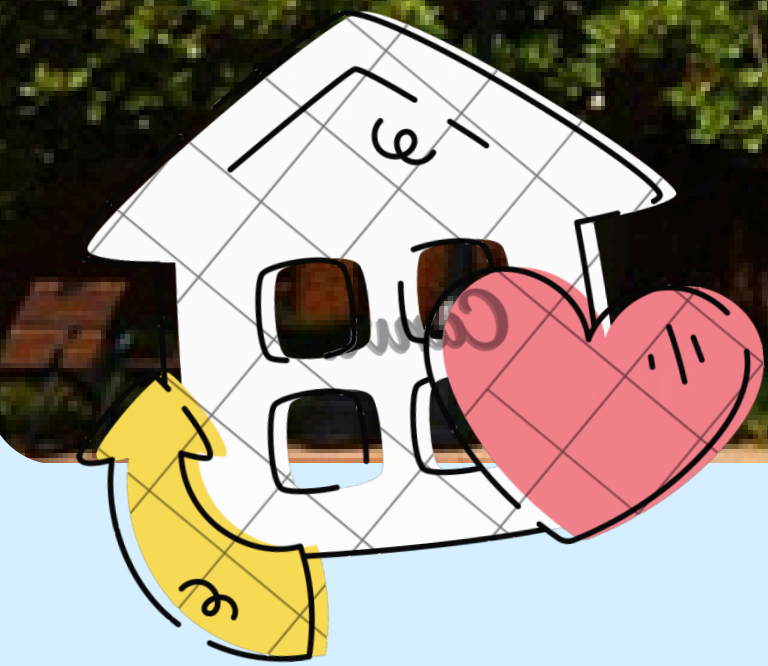
UVA Hotel Policy: Ivan's Story



Ivan has congestive heart failure and has been living outdoors through the worst seasonal weather conditions.

After suffering blood clots and other health complications, Ivan was to be **discharged back to the outdoors during an extreme heat advisory**. Health practitioners & community members covered the expense of a short term hotel stay for the worst of the heat.





Current Policy Threats to Health

City's Planned Displacement

Rather than provide housing or meaningful resources for unhoused campers, the city has arbitrarily set **September 1st** as an **eviction day for all campers**.

In the past month the city has **aggressively increased policing and surveillance** with constant patrols and new cameras along the trails, **causing additional stress and trauma** to unhoused campers.

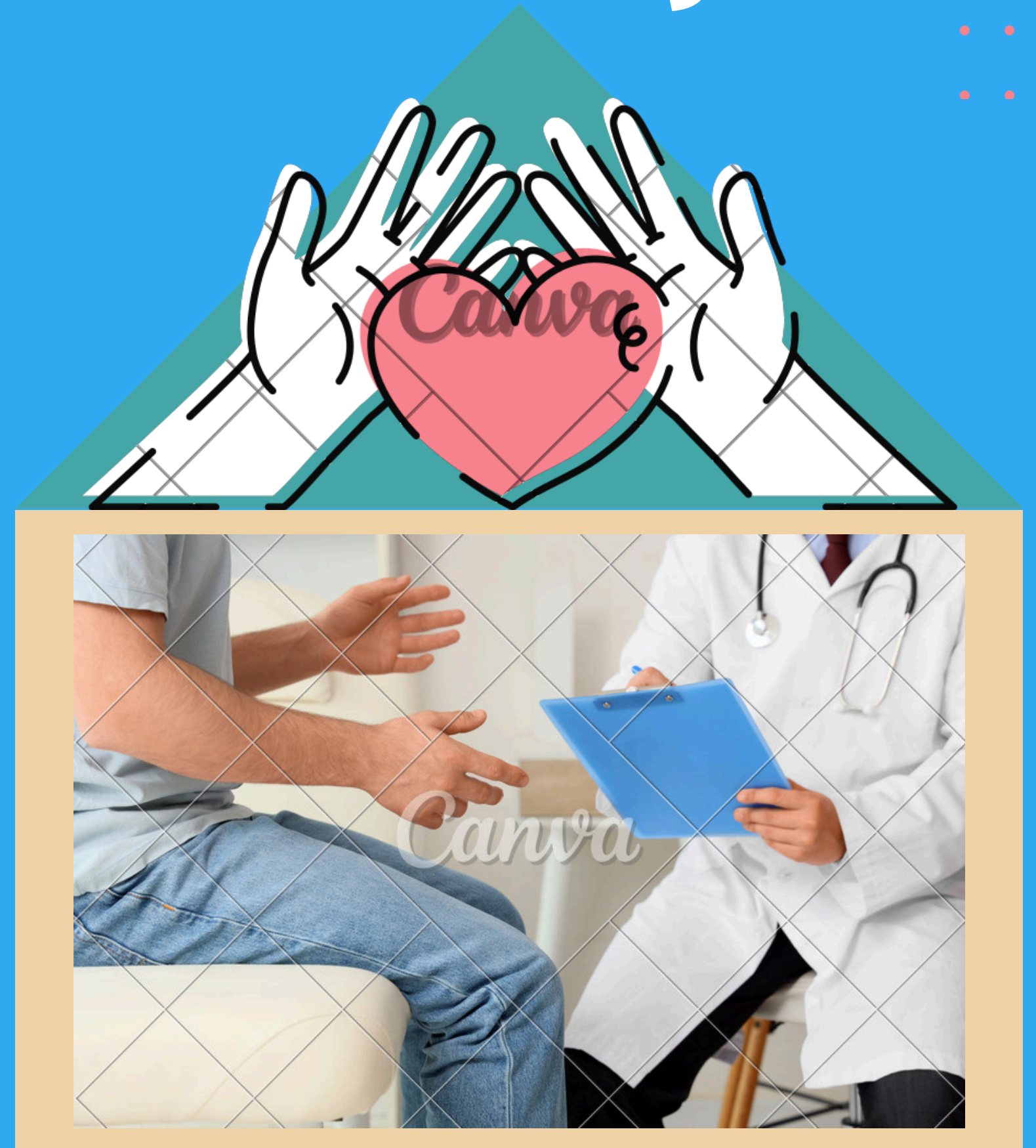


City displacement: Ted's Story

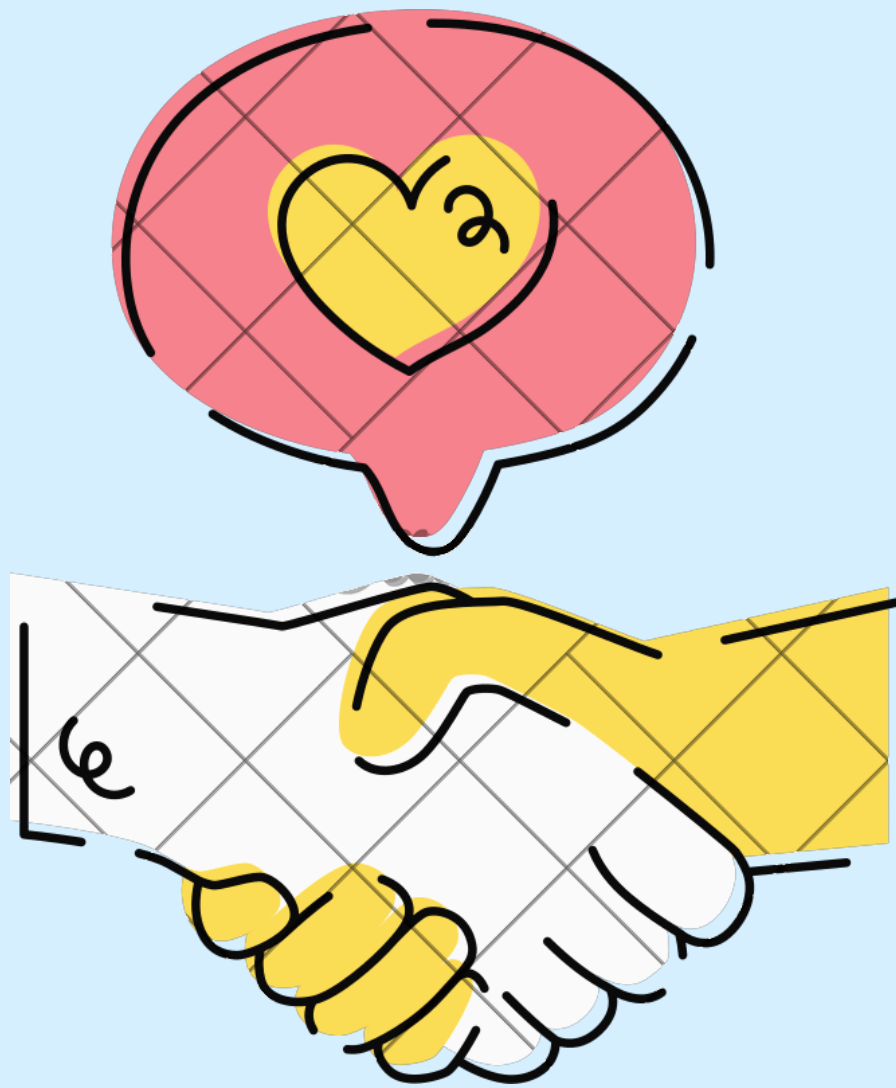


Ted is a veteran with advanced colon cancer and has been living outdoors for 25 years.

After the city increased police presence at the Rivanna River camp and **began its displacement campaign**, Ted chose to move out of the city. This move **makes regular health care nearly impossible** without a vehicle and resources to travel.



How YOU can help: Use your voice!

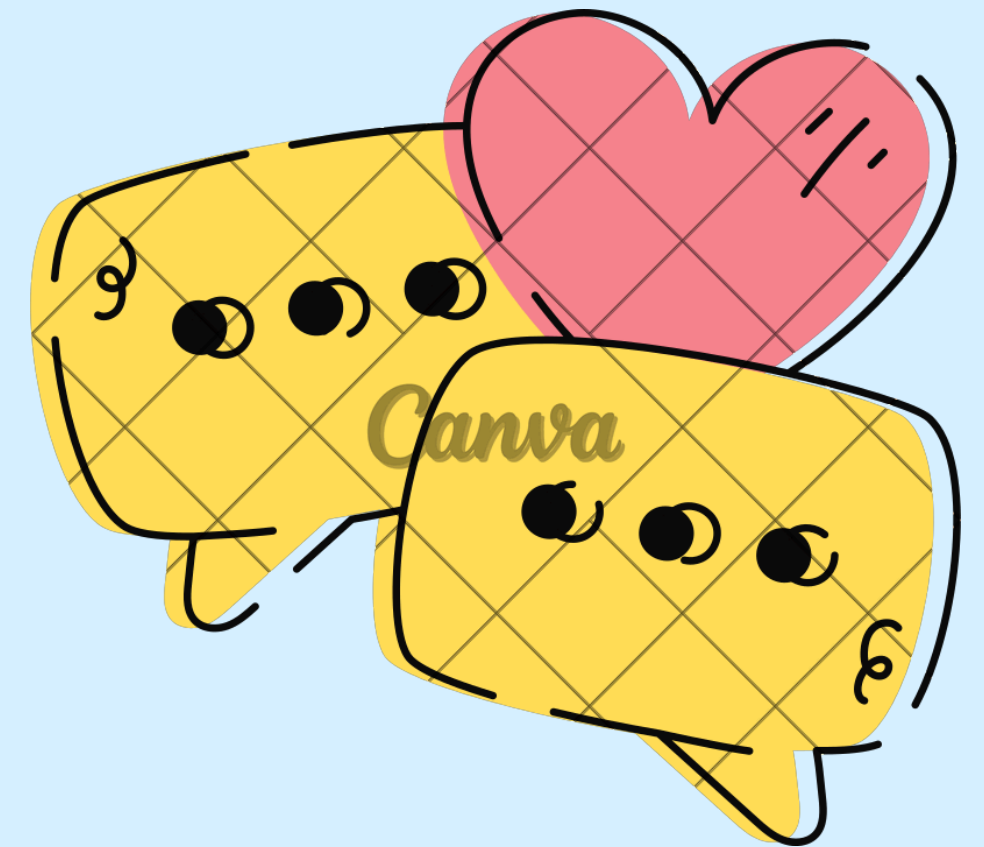


Tell the city: Unhoused neighbors need resources NOT removal.

Tell city council you oppose the displacement deadline and that forced removal contributes to worse health outcomes for our community.

Tell UVA: Unhoused patients need shelter for major medical recovery.

Tell UVA hospital that its hotel access should be extended to unhoused patients to ensure safe and healthy recovery from major medical events.



Thank You So Much

Contact UVA Health:



Tell them you support
hotels for unhoused patient recovery.

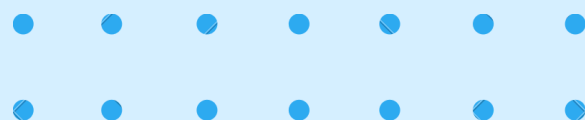
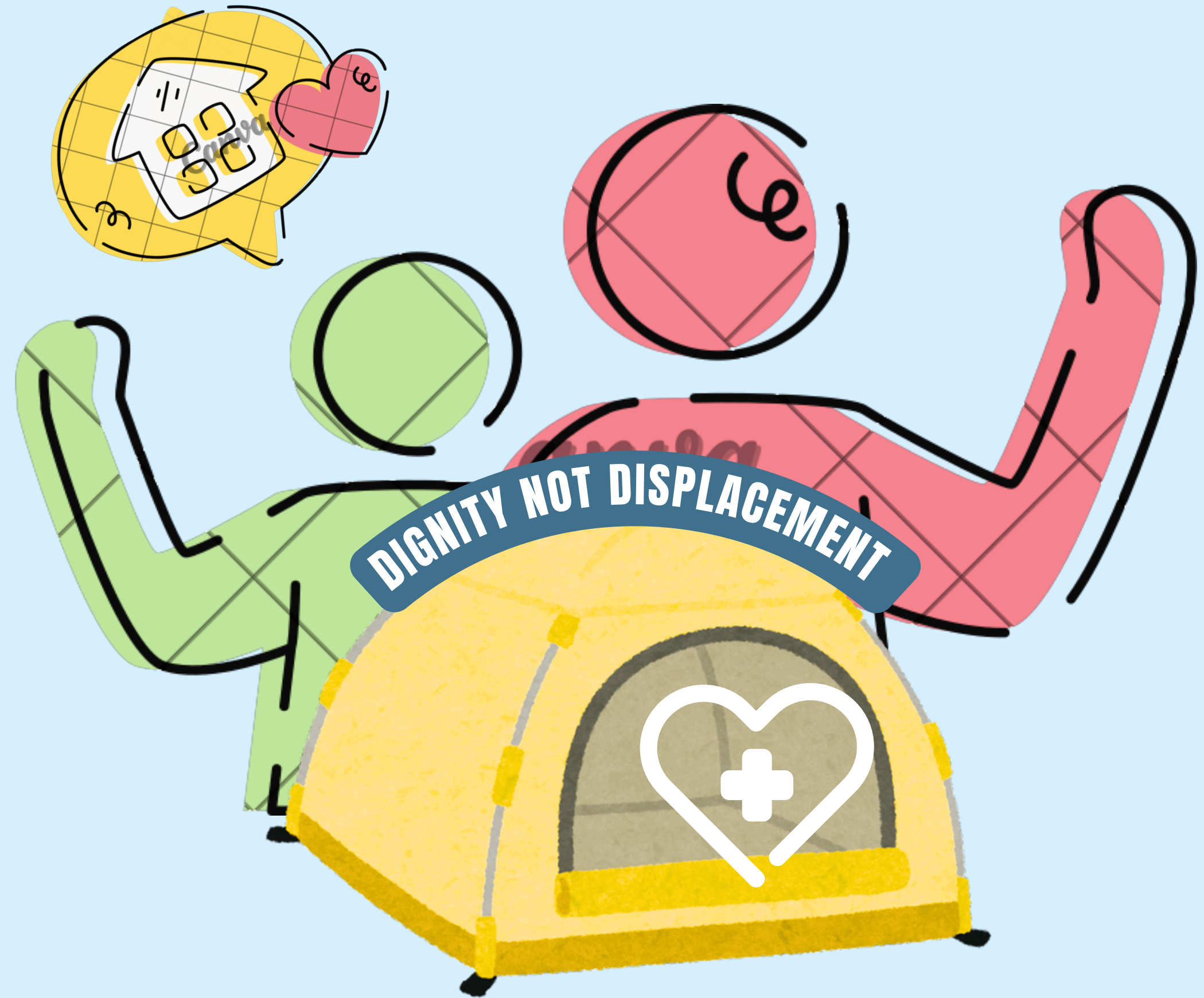
<https://www.uvahealth.com/forms/give-us-feedback>

Email City Council:



Tell them you oppose forced removal.

<https://www.charlottesville.gov/formcenter/City-Council-7/Email-Contact-Form-for-City-Council-12>



Join us Sunday!

Second Community Potluck Picnic at Free Bridge

Come out and get to know our neighbors facing eviction on Sept 1st. We'll be under the bridge.

Sunday, August 16th at 6pm

Bring a dish, bring a friend, bring a camping chair. We can't wait to see you there!

