

Houston City Council Member At-Large, Position 5

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of Covenant House Texas (CHT) and the important work they do to prevent and address youth homelessness in Houston. Although I have been familiar with CHT for years, my recent visit to their campus hammered home the importance of the care CHT performs for homeless young adults ages 18 to 24.

Last year, Covenant House served over 5,000 homeless and at-risk youth, and provided over 30,000 nights of shelter while delivering specialized care to young adults who have experienced significant trauma and abuse at home, or during years spent in foster care or the juvenile justice system. As a mother of young adults, it is extremely heartening to see the focus on helping youth achieve meaningful independence, financially and mentally.

We often talk about how children are the future of our city, and CHT is ensuring that the future is a bright one. The youth I met with on my visit are full of potential, but wouldn't have had the same opportunities for success without the care of Covenant House.

I am grateful for the meaningful work being performed by Covenant House Texas and ask for you to join me in support of continuing their mission.

Sincerely,

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