



For Immediate Release:
SHARE! Continues to Offer Immediate Housing Solutions Amidst Debate on Governor Newsom's Executive Order

Los Angeles, CA – August 7, 2024 – SHARE!, The Self-Help And Recovery Exchange, acknowledges the complexities and potential confusion raised by Governor Gavin Newsom's recent executive order addressing homelessness. We stand together with local leaders and officials who advocate for the humane treatment of unhoused individuals in our state and for providing comprehensive, evidence-based services to address their underlying issues, such as substance use disorders, unresolved trauma, and mental health conditions. SHARE! remains committed to providing wraparound services to people experiencing homelessness through our effective and efficient Collaborative Housing Program, which we successfully offer throughout LA County.

As a peer-run homeless services provider with 31 years of experience serving Los Angeles County, this order does not change the services SHARE! provides to members of our community seeking housing, or the peer support and self-help support group meetings offered at our drop-in centers in Culver City and Downtown LA. “There is an appalling lack of affordable housing in Los Angeles. We need to come up with creative solutions to this problem together so that a true alternative to the unsafe living conditions in homeless encampments is available,” says SHARE!’s CEO Brian D. Ulf. “Our Collaborative Housing program offers immediate placement into safe and supportive environments within 24 to 48 hours, and we successfully placed 531 individuals from encampments or other unmanageable living situations into housing last year alone.”

“I am concerned that funds be dedicated to offering the social support necessary for people to recreate their lives, including help to secure and sustain housing, mental and medical healthcare, substance abuse services, and employment,” continues Ulf. “During my addiction, I lived alone in a hotel room for eighteen months and I really struggled. I know from personal experience that battling addiction, mental health challenges, or unresolved trauma in isolation makes it virtually impossible to recover. In order for me to begin to truly heal, I needed the guidance and nonjudgmental kinship, fellowship, and community that I found in self-help

support groups with other people who were also recovering and rebuilding their lives. We are dedicated to fostering hope and social connection, crucial elements for health and healing that are often missing on the streets.”

“Guided by people with lived experience, our street outreach efforts in homeless encampments successfully engage an average of 3 out of every 10 individuals to participate in our Collaborative Housing program immediately. Over time, we help even more people transition out of encampments. This is a remarkable figure – it takes a lot of consistency, time, and effort to develop the relationships required to get people off the streets,” says Ulf. “At SHARE!, our outcomes are who people become.”

For more information about SHARE!, please visit www.shareselfhelp.org or call 1-877-742-7349 for immediate housing assistance today.

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About SHARE!

SHARE!, the Self Help And Recovery Exchange, founded in 1993, is a peer-run nonprofit organization in Los Angeles, where people can find community, information, and supportive services. SHARE! offers spaces for self-help support groups, communities of recovery, and immediate, effective, and affordable housing solutions for homeless individuals.

Vision

SHARE! is dedicated to providing housing, rehabilitation, and renewal, guiding individuals toward lives filled with purpose and hope. We are a catalyst for transformation, shaping futures that reflect the very essence of who YOU are and aspire to be, where transformation happens.

Mission

SHARE! provides a nurturing environment where individuals can honor their life stories, pursue personal growth, and embrace change by choice. Through lived experience peer support, self-help support groups and collaborative housing, we empower individuals to reinvigorate their foundational life skills and address unresolved traumas. We foster personal accountability and provide unwavering support as individuals embark on a purpose-driven journey towards life transformation. Our outcomes are who you become.