



## 2025 Suburban Housing Conference

### Additional Questions for Panel 2

#### Questions

1. **As of 2021, 24% of HamCo is in poverty/ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed), what strategies are local charities implementing 2 support families?**
  - **Jim Morris:** Habitat works with households in ALICE to purchase their first home by building alongside them and an affordable mortgage
2. **How can we better incentivize citizens to “pitch-in” to help our area residents in need?**
  - **Andy Gable:** Raising awareness that when we help others grow and experience transformation, it improves the whole community. Too many people assume that "poor" people drag down a community, but a community that values all its members fosters even greater development for everyone.
3. **We talk a lot about poverty amidst fixed income/senior households. 75% of our Ham Co households under 25 are under the ALICE threshold. Who helps them?**
4. **I would love to help more in housing and increase my own learning. Does there exist a non profit housing “jobs listing “?**
  - **Andy Gable:** I suggest Family Promise, LIFEhouse, Prevail
  - **Jim Morris:** The best nonprofit job listing is through Charitable Advisors Nonprofit News. It includes all nonprofits, including those in housing. <https://charitableadvisors.com/subscribe/>
5. **Are there any plans to work with prior felons to secure housing**
6. **How can faith communities better promote anti-NIMBY work such as organizing groups to show up at zoning hearings and calling city planners?**
  - **Andy Gable:** Organize service teams with non-profits that serve at-risk families and individuals. First-hand involvement puts a face to the challenge. Invite those non-profit leaders to speak and share their stories during Sunday services.
  - **Jim Morris:** I'd be curious if there were relationships that could be built across various churches that can act as connection hubs for housing, so that those interested can learn from these hubs and connect to champion developments that are positive and provide for attainable housing opportunities
7. **What are plans to monitor apartment complexes who receive funding for low income rent to be sure they aren't discriminating**



**8. I feel the affordable housing development conflict has always been handled in a defensive posture. What can/is the community doing to be more proactive?**

- **Jim Morris:** This is because generally it begins by defending the development that is being proposed. More communication around hubs of influence on the true need and nature of housing like Chambers of Commerce and churches would be welcomed

**9. How can we help those with evictions (and cannot afford to pay them off) to attain housing?**

**10. Where can renters go if complex adds conditions because renters asked for service and make renewal difficult?**

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