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TOPIC

Rising costs in the ACHS community

TOPIC DESCRIPTION

Ever since the cost of living has sky rocketed there's been children, parents, and even elderly's who are all being affected by this issue. This affects all of them mentally, and physically. This matters because it's breaking the peace and balance in those homes, they can barely afford to pay rent, let alone pay for their basic necessities.

BASELINE DATA & GOAL

There's programs that are helping with housing those in need.
57% of households in Alexandria were renters and 44% lived in housing considered unaffordable.

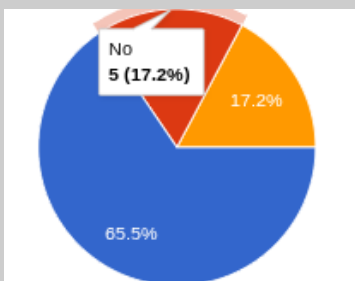
I want to make that go down by at least 5 or 10%

CYCP GOAL & STRATEGIC AREA

Housing stability and family economic security addresses unaffordable rent and eviction risk for ACHS families. it helps with rental relied and landlord mediation programs.
My goal is to get these programs more out in the open for families to know about it and to seek help.

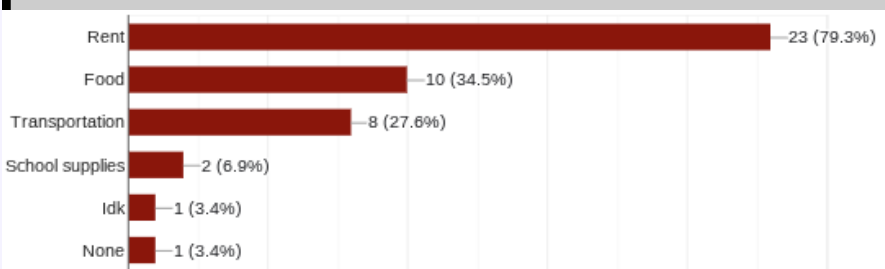
WHAT IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW?

Discuss how ACPS/ACHS is currently doing in regard to your issue. This information should come from your survey,



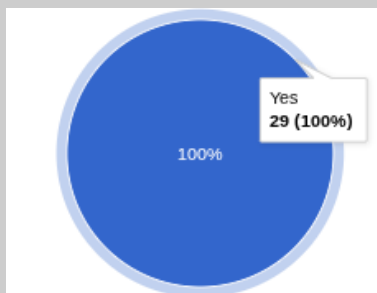
Question: Has the cost of living affected your family in the past year?

65% of students have had the cost shift affect their family in the past year. This matters because no family should have to struggle getting by, we need programs to be more out in social media that way families know about it.



Question: Which expenses are hardest for your family to afford?
(select all that apply)

This graph goes that 79% of students has said that buying food was the hardest for their family. This is important because this is happening everywhere in Alexandria.



Question: Do you think Alexandria should add more affordable housing?

29 students all believe that Alexandria should add more affordable housing. Rent has gotten really expensive and most people can barely afford it

WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN TRIED?

The school has a program where they give away food for ACHS families in need. The city is also trying to add more affordable housing. The nonprofitable group helps with housing.

WHO CAN HELP?

1 Alive, they help provide free groceries, personal care items, cleaning supplies, and school supplies.

2 Housing Alexandria, they provide great leasing options with a great price for rent per month. This helps a lot especially for families who struggle to keep up with rent prices.



Housing Alexandria
FOUNDATION FOR STRONGER COMMUNITY

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR?

Actions such as adding more affordable housing for families in need. Though not many actually know about it. I feel like if it were talked about more in social media then more people would actually look into it.

IS IT ACTUALLY HELPING?

They're making a difference in the community, Alive is giving families free groceries from local businesses and farms. They help with basic needs such as personal care, cleaning supplies, and school supplies.

Housing Alexandria is also helping out by providing great leasing options with a good price for rent. It's affordable and they provide a great and healthy community.

WHAT SHOULD CHANGE? (YOUR SOLUTION)

The advertisement. It isn't being advertised as much as it should be. The more its let out in the open such as speaking about them on social media (TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, etc.) would bring in more funders to help the resources and more families will be able to get into getting the help and resources they need.

79% of students that took the survey mainly struggle with both rent and buying groceries, which is why I want to help put more information about helpful resources (Alive, and Alexandria Housings) that can both help those families get free groceries regularly and find a nearby local housing with lower rent.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

If your solution is used, what will improve?

More families will know about it and they'll be able to sign up to get free groceries (ALL DONATED FROM LOCAL GROCERIES AND LOCAL FARMS). They'll also be able to have access to a more affordable housing.

CITATIONS

Citations in APA format:

All information was gained from both Alive, Alexandria housings, and my google form survey.

[ALIVE! - more information here](#)

[Housing Alexandria - Info about them directly](#)

LEARN MORE

Alive & Alexandria housings.

With both combined they can help get free groceries regularly from Community food hubs AND get a more affordable and healthy housing.