

## FORUM



*"There is a destiny which makes us brothers, none goes his way alone.  
All that we send into the lives of others comes back into our own."  
– Edwin Markham*

## Compassionate, Community-based Approaches to Reducing Homelessness

Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm

In-Person and Live Webcast

Concord Hall, 1407 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara

Presenters: Jeff Gaddess, DignityMoves, California and  
Cliff Tillotson, Hui Mahi'ai'Aina, Hawaii

Homelessness in the United States has ballooned over 12 percent in the last two years with currently over 650,000 unhoused individuals in America. One third of our nation's homeless population (181,000) reside in California, while Hawaii has one of the highest per capita rates of homelessness in the nation. The non-profits, DignityMoves and Hui Mahi'ai 'Aina, are grappling with this crisis by creating compassionate models where positive self-transformation is possible for individuals transitioning out of homelessness. These communal living arrangements, villages or "kauhales" (as they are called in Hawaii) offer safe, secure and stable interim housing where those struggling with various traumas can receive the supportive social, financial, psychological and medical services they need to heal and eventually reenter the larger community as strong, healthy contributing members. Effectively addressing homelessness in the here and now is complex and multi-dimensional necessitating a large range of public and private partnerships. Cliff and Jeff are coming to the Institute to share what they have learned in this process and engage with us in a round-table forum for fearless inquiry into this important and challenging topic.



To view the Live Webcast: <https://www.youtube.com/@iwcinsantabarbara/streams>

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