



TRANS HOUSING COALITION

**Housing Navigation for Trans folks through an
Affirming Lens**

Our History and Foundation



THC Mission

The Trans Housing Coalition helps Atlanta's chronically homeless Transgender and gender non-conforming people move from the streets into long-term housing and on to the lives they want to lead.



THC Vision

To end chronic homelessness & support a better quality of life for the Trans & gender-nonconforming community in the greater Atlanta area.





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Our Team

What does THC do day-to-day?

- Outreach Efforts
- Comprehensive Housing Navigation
- Linkage Services
- Aftercare Services
- Peer Support Services
- And more...



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A: Homelessness is also a critical issue for transgender people; 20% of trans individuals have experienced homelessness at some point in their lives.



<https://transequality.org/issues/housing-homelessness>

Our 3 Best Practices Approach



1. Client Choice
2. Linkage Support
3. Advocacy

(1.) Client Choice

- We believe client's should have say in their life journey and choices
- We ensure clients are ready and set for services only when they are ready.
- This allows for strong rapport with clients and ensure clients have a better retention at services.



(2.) Linkage Support

This means going beyond just a referral whenever possible. We offer support at every first experience with linkage to new resources when clients need it.



(3.) Advocacy



Because we are working with the trans and GNC (gender non-conforming community), a huge part of our approach is advocacy to ensure the clients get equitable treatment and services.

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There are varying factors that can contribute to this. To name a few: lack of safe and sustainable employment, lack of adequate and safe housing, lack of low barrier and affirming support resources.

<https://www.kff.org/affordable-care-act/issue-brief/demographics-insurance-coverage-and-access-to-care-among-transgender-adults/>

Some of our Critical Partnerships



**INTOWN
CARES**



**SOLUTIONS
NOT
·PUNISHMENT·
COLLABORATIVE**

**POSITIVE
IMPACT
HEALTH CENTERS**

A horizontal rainbow bar with segments of red, orange, yellow, green, and blue.

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Trans and GNC individuals must not only account for their primary ID documents, but also how those documents affirms or does not affirm their lived experience.

<https://www.americanprogress.org/article/id-accurately-reflecting-ones-gender-identity-is-a-human-right/>

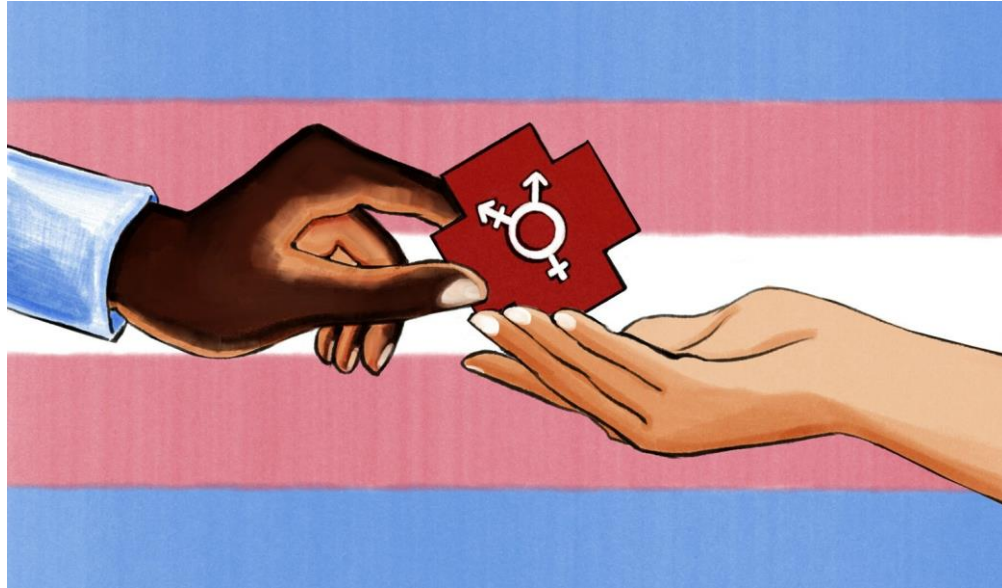
Our Clients at a Glance – 2023 – Now (86 clients served)

- **72% were diverted or providing appropriate rapid or permanent housing solutions**
- **90% of our clients have some form documented disability or MH diagnosis**



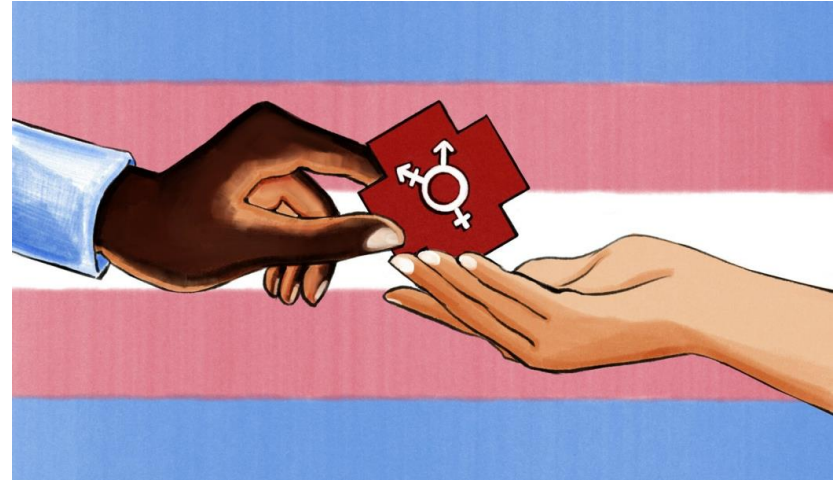
- **90% of our clients were chronically homeless**
- **90% of our clients self-identified as trans woman, 7% were trans men, and 3% gender non-conforming/non-binary**
- **72% of clients were in the age ranges of 24—44, 20% of our clients were youth ages 18-24, and 8% were over the age of 44**
- **Over 85% of our clients self-identified as black or African-American**

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Trans adults are overrepresented in prison/jail due to varying criminalization laws on HIV, drugs, and sex work; they are also more likely to be represented in prisons/jails due to targeted policing strategies—profiling, discrimination, unnecessary violent arrests, misgendering, etc.



As Trans Housing Coalition continued to grow, we still had to come to terms with the reality that black trans woman were still being killed unjustly. One of the closer accounts of this loss is of Bianca Muffin Bankz. Muffin was such a close friend and acquaintance to a lot of the clients in our THC program.

Muffin's Place

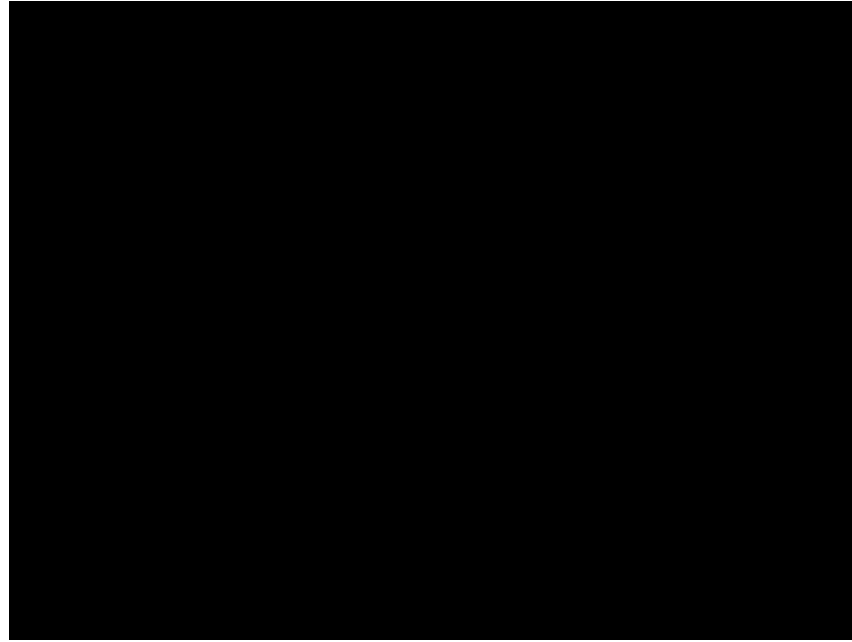


Muffin's Place



In honor of Bianca Muffin Bankz, we named our THC emergency/transitional house after her. We own and operate this house to provide a safe space for our trans community to flourish into independence and stability. The house supports up to 6 clients at a time.

Muffin's Place and Client Narrative



Thank you! Stay Connected with Us!

