

Partner with city leaders, builders in the community, and students from Lyles College of Engineering to provide housing to the homeless in our community.

CURRENT CHALLENGE:

The issue of providing temporary housing for the homeless in the Fresno/Clovis community.

PROPOSED SOLUTION:

I feel that Fresno State could partner with city leaders, builders in the community, along with students from the Lyles College of Engineering (Construction Management and perhaps the other engineering programs) to provide housing to the homeless in our community. In the Fall semester the Construction Management students built Tiny Houses as part of their Senior Capstone Project. Perhaps builders in the community could donate the materials for the students to build more of these houses and in turn the houses could be donated to the city to provide temporary housing for the homeless. It would give the students the opportunity to fulfill their academic requirements through working on their projects and further enhance their experience by providing a deeper sense of purpose by giving back to the community. I also feel that there might be a secondary positive outcome by putting graduating students in contact with builders in the community for job and internship opportunities.

BENEFITS TO FRESNO STATE:

I feel that this solution strengthens Fresno State's commitment of being involved in helping solve community issues, while providing a link between students, builders and city leaders to help resolve this issue within the Fresno and Clovis areas. If successful, perhaps it could become a model for other cities.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: