

A RESPONSE TO NANCY ASHTON

**Independence.  
Infrastructure. One Goal.**

End Homelessness NORMAN answers Nancy Ashton's three direct questions about EHN's affiliation, IGH Vanguard City status, and what EHN actually does — and why it matters to every Norman citizen reading this.

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Nancy — these are exactly the right questions. Thank you for asking them directly.

QUESTION ONE — CITY AFFILIATION

No, End Homelessness NORMAN has no formal affiliation with the City of Norman. That is entirely by design. EHN was built independently — by a citizen, with no city funding, no city staff, and no political affiliation — precisely so it could move faster, think bigger, and go places a municipal government cannot go on its own. The City identified the need. Citizens built the system

## QUESTION TWO — IGH VANGUARD CITY STATUS

We are honestly not aware of IGH Vanguard City status being a goal of City Care. And frankly, that would not be surprising. Most American cities — and most organizations working heroically within them — have never heard of the Institute of Global Homelessness or the Vanguard City designation. Not because they lack commitment, but because this is genuinely new knowledge that has not yet reached most communities.

**Chicago is currently the only American city with IGH Vanguard status** — and it connects them to United Nations networks, global philanthropic funding streams, and a level of international visibility that dramatically strengthens every federal grant application they file. EHN has already reached out to IGH on behalf of The City of Norman and its Citizens — planting a seed so that when the time comes, Norman stands a better chance of being recognized.

Perhaps you could ask City Care whether they are aware of it. We would genuinely love to know — and if they are not, that conversation alone could open remarkable doors.

## QUESTION THREE — WHAT EHN ACTUALLY DOES

EHN was created as a legal entity for several important reasons — including maintaining the independence that makes everything else possible. Independence from

streams that city governments cannot access directly. Independence to speak truthfully and advocate boldly when the moment calls for it. And perhaps most importantly — independence to work personally, one conversation at a time, with every single component in this city that touches homelessness — the Salvation Army, Food & Shelter, the Share Center, the United Way of Norman, Norman's extraordinary faith community, every NGO that has had skin in this game for years, and every business and civic organization that wants to be part of building something historic — without representing anyone's agenda but one: functional zero homelessness in Norman. That singular focus, that independence, is what makes genuine trust possible across every table, every tradition, every sector, and every political persuasion in this city.

EHN was also created to assist, inform, and educate The City of Norman, Mayor Holman, the City Council, the City Manager, the Citizens of Norman, and every component that serves so valiantly to help our neighbors in need and in crisis — about what needs to be built so The City of Norman can aggressively tap into federal and private grants awarding millions of dollars annually that Norman currently does not qualify for, because it lacks the beneficial coordinated structure those grants require.

desperately needs. The coordinated framework. The research. The connections. The conditions under which service providers — the Salvation Army, Food & Shelter, the Share Center, the United Way of Norman, and Norman's extraordinary faith community — can access the funding and systems they need to serve far more effectively than they can today. Organizations that have given decades of faithful service to this community, largely without the federal and philanthropic resources they deserve, because the coordinated system required to access those resources has never been built.

That is not activism. That is infrastructure. And it is the most consequential commitment and investment The City of Norman, Mayor Holman, the City Council, City Manager Pyle, every service organization, every faith community, every NGO, every business, and every citizen of Norman should create — with or without the bond.

Again, thank you Nancy for asking. It often is the first step in getting personally involved. Know that EHN is open to earnest suggestions and questions. Working TOGETHER we will make a difference that will last decades.

APRIL 7, 2026

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*“I think the biggest disease this world suffers from in this day and age is the disease of people feeling unloved, and I know that I can give love for a minute, for half an hour, for a day, for a month, but I can give — I’m very happy to do that and I want to do that.”*

— DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES

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