

## **Hack Homelessness 2020**

Entrepreneurship Tallahassee, Inc. & Try Peace, Inc.

**Vision:** Community-engaged brainstorm and action to aid the alleviation of homelessness

**Mission:** Engage with your neighbors to evict homelessness in the Big Bend

**About:** Tallahassee Startup Week (TSW) is a six-day celebration of Big Bend entrepreneurship that connects entrepreneurs with resources, education, and opportunity with over a dozen events throughout the celebration.

To commemorate the success of the now fifth annual TSW, 2020 TSW is hosting Hack Homelessness, an awesome opportunity for the Big Bend ecosystem to apply its dense pool of entrepreneurs and their accompanying think-outside-the-box mentality to alleviating the issue of homelessness in Tallahassee. Hackathons are design sprint-like events where (typically) computer programmers and developers group up into small teams to develop and present solutions to a distinct problem.

**Event:** Hack Homelessness is two events. The first event, the hackathon, will occur on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at the TCC Center for Innovation, and it will be followed by the second event, a gala at a location TBD, where the solutions will be presented.

A State of the Issue address will open the hackathon to provide an overview of the state of homelessness in the Big Bend from the perspective of the partnered organizations that are currently vested in the issue of homelessness and have boots on the ground. Participants will then break up into teams lead by an elected leader and a board member of Entrepreneurship Tallahassee and/or Try Peace. The teams will then apply design thinking to ideate solutions to aid the alleviation of homelessness in the Big Bend.

Following the hackathon, Hack Homelessness will host a gala, with dining included, where the hackathon teams will present their respective solutions. The partnered organizations will discuss how the gala attendees can begin implementing viable solutions through available resources.

**Cost:** There is no cost to participate in the hackathon. The cost to attend the gala will be \$20 per seat or sponsorship of \$250 per table of eight. All proceeds will go to the nonprofit Try Peace, which will facilitate the implementation of the solutions provided through the partnered organizations.

**Invitation to Partner:** Hack Homelessness is collating like-minded individuals and organizations to invigorate the event. Targeted partner organizations include, but are not limited to, elected leaders such as the City of Tallahassee Commission and Leon County Commission, the Big Bend Homeless Collation, the Kearney Center, and YOU.