

# ALAN GRAHAM

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With radical love and an entrepreneur's ingenuity, Alan Graham has spent the last two decades changing the way we see one another. After success in real estate and construction, Alan and a group of friends founded Mobile Loaves & Fishes, a social outreach nonprofit in Austin, Texas, that provides food and clothing and promotes dignity to the region's homeless and working poor. Austin's largest prepared feeding program, Mobile Loaves & Fishes now serves those living on the streets in Austin, San Antonio, New Orleans, Nashville, Minneapolis, Providence, and New Bedford. As CEO of Mobile Loaves & Fishes, Alan is currently realizing his latest revolutionary vision: Community First! Village, a 27-acre master-planned community located just outside of Austin that provides affordable, permanent housing and kinship for the chronically homeless in Central Texas. Alan's first book, *Welcome Homeless: One Man's Journey of Discovering the Meaning of Home*, was published March 7, 2017. To learn more about Alan, Mobile Loaves & Fishes, and Community First! Village, visit [www.mlf.org](http://www.mlf.org).

## Why Alan Graham?



- Alan is a once-in-a-generation urban missionary with an important message rooted in the value of every human life. His love of people is inspiring, his passion is infectious, and his vision is transformative.
- Alan's success in the nonprofit space is exceptional: more than 19,000 volunteers have helped make Mobile Loaves & Fishes a multi-city, grassroots force that cultivates dignity and human connection.
- A devout Catholic, Alan walks the walk. He models his untraditional approach to fighting homelessness by offering unwavering love and respect both in his leadership of large-scale efforts like Mobile Loaves & Fishes and Community First! Village, and in his own relationships.
- Alan takes abstract concepts like homelessness and addiction and strips away stereotypes to make our understanding immediate, real, and distinctly personal. With compelling true stories and palpable empathy, he reminds us that every person is created in God's own image.
- Never boring and often joyfully irreverent, Alan has a huge heart only matched by a bold willingness to speak truth to power and an innovative energy he channels into making the world better.

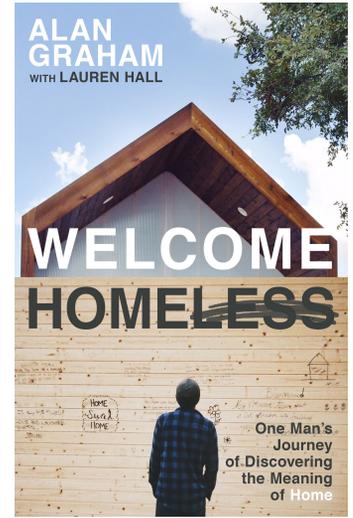
“ We've got to change the lurking belief that any human life is more valuable than another. We must broaden the perimeters of our relationships and find a place for those left out. When we bear the beams of love, arms wide-open, we become more ourselves.” – Alan Graham, *Welcome Homeless*

“ What does community mean? Common unity. Realizing that we all are the same, no one is better than anyone else, and existing in that unified commonality.” – Alan Graham, *Welcome Homeless*

# About the Book

## *Welcome Homeless: One Man's Journey of Discovering the Meaning of Home*

In his first book, **WELCOME HOMELESS: ONE MAN'S JOURNEY OF DISCOVERING THE MEANING OF HOME**, Alan Graham--founder and CEO of Mobile Loaves & Fishes and Community First! Village--shows us that to be home is to belong. Written with Lauren Hall, **WELCOME HOMELESS** takes readers deep into the lives of the homeless and neglected by sharing their stories. Pain, abuse, addiction, and loss mix with compassion, generosity, hope, and redemption to create wholly human portraits of men, women, and families who found themselves on the streets. The book also traces Alan's own spiritual awakening, as well as his launch and development of the groundbreaking nonprofit Mobile Loaves & Fishes and his revolutionary newest project, Community First! Village. With compelling storytelling, candor, and hard-won wisdom, Alan redefines homelessness, revealing it as the chronic burden we all share, whether we sleep with a roof over our head or not, as we long to reconnect with one another and our Creator.



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### *Why Welcome Homeless?*



- Part intimate memoir, part compilation of voices society often ignores, **WELCOME HOMELESS** both meticulously documents and pays beautiful tribute to lives whose stories might otherwise go untold. Unforgettable men and women named Houston, J. P., David, Danny, Peggy, Tony, Laura, Brük, Robin, Will, Taz, Ellis, and so many others leap from the pages and become not just known, but beloved.
- **WELCOME HOMELESS** is a needed reminder of the rights we all share and love we all deserve, no matter where we've been or where we are.
- Alan offers a blueprint for combating homelessness, addiction, and poverty that is as compelling as it is effective, radically rooted in Jesus's command to love our neighbors. From detailing the staunch opposition his plans for Community First! Village faced, to meditating on the inborn homelessness that afflicts every person spiritually, **WELCOME HOMELESS** tackles multidimensional issues from every angle.
- The book is a beautiful exercise in making the political personal, modeling empathy and compassion in the midst of a world heavy with cynicism and in need of hope.
- Featuring individual chapters devoted to individual people or families, **WELCOME HOMELESS** takes topics often considered too hopeless, such as homelessness, or too dry, such as nonprofit development, and transforms them into a gripping page turner that pulses with life.

“If you haven't picked this up already, Christ was homeless on earth. He was a homeless man.” – Alan Graham, *Welcome Homeless*

“In the pages that follow, you'll encounter people whose poverty does not come from a lack of money, but a lack of being loved. The greatest disease in the West is not contracting leprosy or the result of being strangled by an umbilical cord, it is being unwanted, unloved, and uncared for.” – Alan Graham, *Welcome Homeless*