



# Filling the Gap of Over-the-Counter Medical Supply Needs for Housing Insecure Populations: A Proposal

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## INTRODUCTION

- Working with the Greenville Homeless Shelter for the past few years, I have seen how this group's health can be affected.
- Locally, we are fortunate to have the Community Crossroads Shelter Clinic to address many medical concerns.
- While completing a toiletry drive for this population, I pondered how this group attained over-the-counter medical supplies that others could purchase. The facility director stated that the residents did not have these things if they were not provided by the clinic or donated.
- Home insecure populations include homeless individuals as well as individuals that live in transitional housing, such as intimate partner violence fleeing women and children.
- This proposal seeks to address the healthcare disparities faced by the at-risk population residing in local shelters by implementing a comprehensive program to enhance the availability and accessibility of OTC medications and other needed medical supplies. By forging partnerships, securing funding, and fostering a collaborative network, this initiative aims to empower local shelters to better support the health needs of those in their care, promoting a healthier and more resilient homeless population within our community.

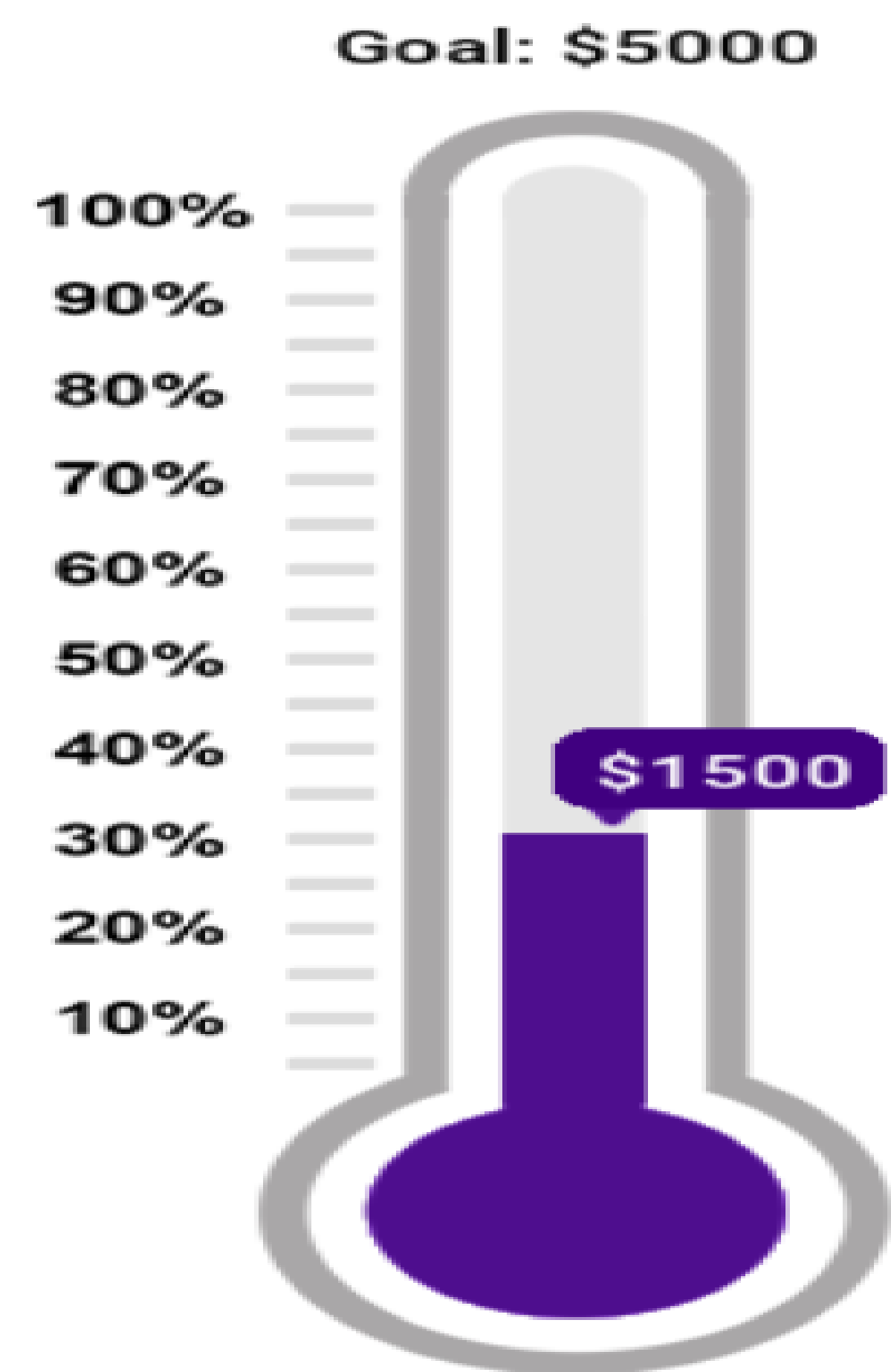
## MATERIALS & METHODS

- Select the organizations to be serviced- my proposed groups are home-insecure populations in Greenville, NC (Homeless shelter and Domestic Violence flee shelter)
- Attain a needs assessment to determine the urgency of the need
- Assess current funding available to fill the gap
- SLDT fund (To be created this year)
- Elicit help from ECU school organizations, local businesses, churches, and community service organizations

## RESULTS

### Fundraising opportunities

- Flyers were made to solicit funds from distinction track alumni members and other physicians
- Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser
- My personal "In Lieu of Graduation Gift" Fundraiser



## WAYS TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE

Use the link or QR code to support this initiative Note "SLDT" or "Latasha Stabler" in Gift Instructions Box. (Tax deductible funds are deposited directly into the foundation account managed by the program director & coordinator)



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## FUTURE GOALS

- To completely fund the SLDT Fund to allow the implementation of this project
- Allow this fund to serve as seed funding for other SLDT projects
- To appoint a SLDT member or cohort over this project so that it remains sustainable
- Grow a network of ECU clubs, community organizations, and Greenville businesses to sustain item collection and continued funding of the Mini-Grant Fund

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*Thanks to all who have contributed or will contribute to this fund and agree to become a part of the sustainable project that supports at-risk populations in our community.*

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**DISTINCTION TRACK PROGRAM FUND (DTPF)**

This fund supports students in all tracks. All gifts help enhance projects and further the impact on community partners. I seek to create a dedicated fund for our track as to house my legacy project.

These specific funds allow SLDT members access to seed money. The goal is to raise \$5000 to begin this fund for our 2024 summer cohort.

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We need YOUR HELP to make this happen!

