

*We are solving homelessness  
through innovative programs  
that transform people,  
buildings, and communities.*

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# Solving Homelessness with Housing

**Pre-construction**



**Entrance to  
The Times Square**



**Post-construction**



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# Largest Developer of Supportive Housing in the United States



**The Times Square**  
**Completed 1994**  
**652 units**



**The Prince George**  
**Completed 1999**  
**416 units**



**The Christopher**  
**Completed 2004**  
**207 units**

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# Places for Gathering and Reflection



**Gallery,  
Prince  
George**



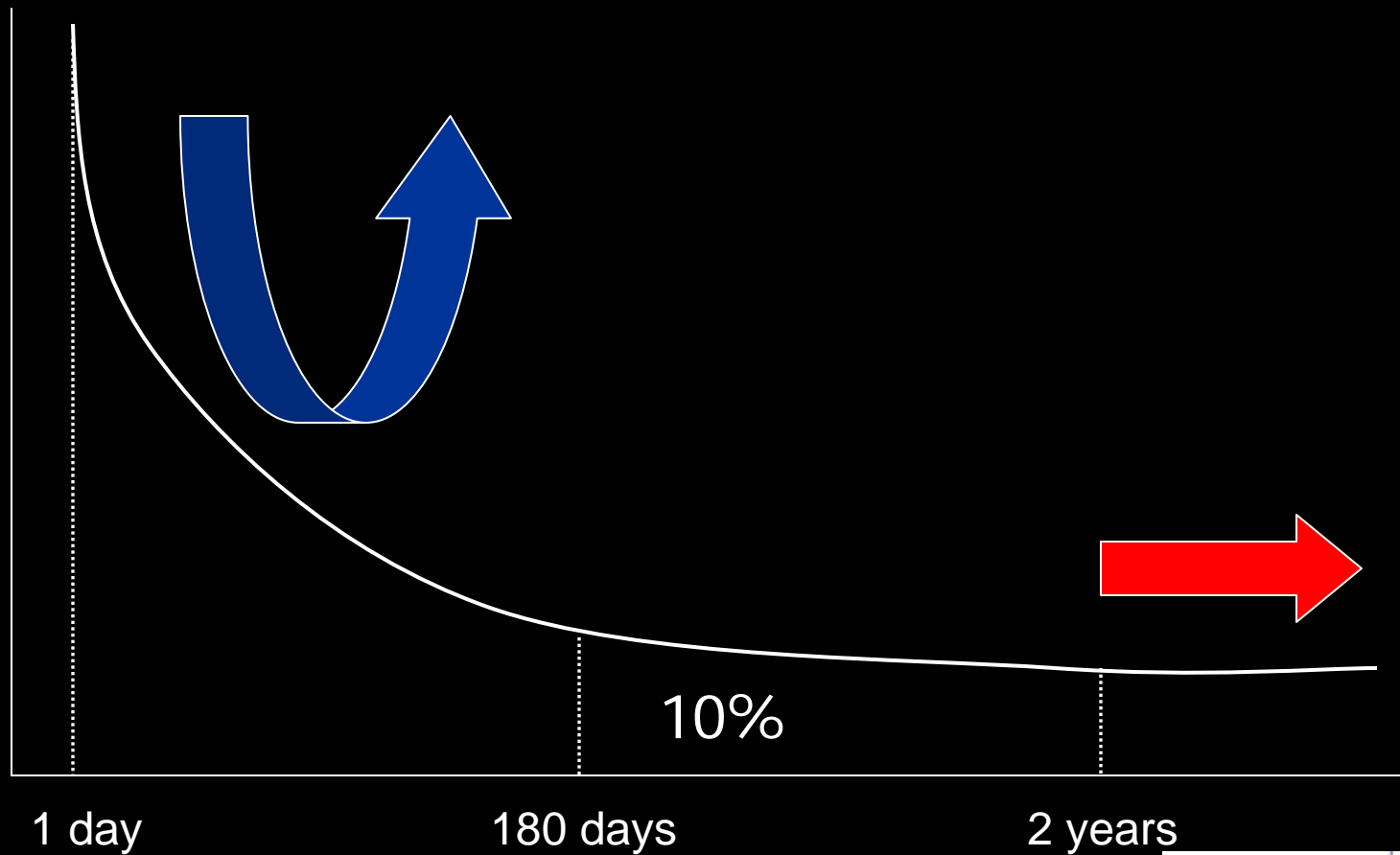
**The newly restored ballroom,  
Prince George**



**CG buildings feature rooftop terraces**

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# Power-Law of Homelessness



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# What does it take to end homelessness?

- Meaningful data to identify homeless by need and other characteristics in whatever “system” they may be encountering (foster care, hospitals, corrections, shelter, streets)
- A range of affordable housing options linked to effective services
- the right “dose” of housing and services tailored to each person or family

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# “silting” vs. “creaming”

- 21% decrease in Long-Term Shelter Stayers over 18 months, from 1,461 to 1,155
- Last year, Common Ground and CUCS committed to fill 100% of our eligible vacancies with LTSS
- Since then, 77 LTSS have become our tenants
- Additional 160 placed through our shelter
- CGC found that there is no statistically meaningful difference between the Management Index scores of LTSS and non-LTSS tenants



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# solving chronic street homelessness



- 3,843 estimated sleeping outside, down 13% from 2004
- Decrease largely attributed to “neighborhood collaboratives” modeled after Common Ground’s Street to Home Initiative (s2hi)
- 100 people housed straight off the streets in 2.5 years
- 87% reduction in homelessness in Times Square BID in one year



# s2hi methodology



- Midnight counts
- Focus on a small area
- Create a by-name registry
- Assess each person
- Work closely with multiple stakeholders
- Creative solutions one person at a time



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# multi-system solutions



- FUSE = frequent users of jail and shelter
- 1,725 with more than 4 stays in each system over 5 years
- CGC is working with the city to provide housing and services for 26 of them

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*“Homelessness is a solvable problem.”*

