It is clearer now than ever that each person’s ability to thrive is inextricably linked to the overall health of our communities. The CSH Thrive Framework describes our vision for inclusive and equitable communities that actively work to undo structural racism and ensure people have the healthcare, food, economic opportunity, education, child care, civic engagement and outdoor space that we all need to be healthy and make meaningful progress in our lives. At the center of this is safe and affordable housing aligned with supports that help people connect to services in the community.

OPTIMAL HEALTH

Having optimal health means that people have the information and care that they need to manage and improve their health. It means working together as communities and systems to reduce disparities in health access and outcomes. Most of all, it means that people can live long and healthy lives, free from trauma, with ongoing access to responsive care.

POWER & PROGRESS

Power and progress focus on what matters most to each person. People feel empowered when they can make meaningful choices about their own lives and the systems and services in which they participate. Thriving communities elevate the voices of those with lived expertise, looking to them to lead.

LIFELONG SUCCESS

The sense of progress that is part of well-being for many individuals includes making progress toward goals related to financial stability and educational attainment. Communities must work together to ensure that quality jobs and educational opportunities are available to people of all ages.

COMMUNITY INCLUSION

At its core, housing aligned with services is focused on ensuring that all individuals have the opportunity to be an ongoing part of their community of choice. Thriving communities focus on improving neighborhood quality and increasing affordable housing. Community members feel a sense of belonging and emotional connection.
Thriving communities can unlock a broad range of positive impacts. CSH divides these impacts into four core areas of impact that help to describe what thriving communities make possible for those who are part of them. Defining the impact we hope to achieve is important, but we must also follow through by clearly defining our goals and evaluating our results. This includes both the use of measures that help review progress on an ongoing basis as well as developing partnerships to design and implement robust evaluation. Across all these efforts, data must be disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, and LGBTQ+ identity in order to guide decision making to advance equity.

**OPTIMAL HEALTH**
- Improvement in health state
- Improved health management and risk reduction
- Equitable access to quality healthcare for all

**POWER & PROGRESS**
- Positive sense of progress
- Increased agency and self-determination

**LIFELONG SUCCESS**
- Increased financial stability and mobility
- Increased educational attainment

**COMMUNITY INCLUSION**
- People live in safe, quality, affordable housing
- Increased community tenure
- Increased community belonging
- Increased family stability