

# *A Conversation With* MIA BIRDSONG: The Story We Tell About Poverty Isn't True.

**HUMAN SOLUTIONS** has been working with families experiencing poverty and homelessness in East Portland and East Multnomah County since 1988. In that time, we have seen both the incredible strength of people coping with poverty and how society often fails to see what is really going on. **We invite you to join us as we reframe our community's view of poverty and everyone working hard to survive it.**

## JOIN US! EVENT DETAILS

- WHO:** Anyone interested in a different way of understanding poverty and those surviving it
- WHAT:** Conversation about how we think about poverty & why it matters
- WHEN:** Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30—7:30 PM (program 6-7)
- WHERE:** APANO's Orchards of 82<sup>nd</sup> @ 8188 SE Division, Portland
- WHY:** It's time to upend the way we understand and talk about poverty and the people who experience it. Poverty bias is preventing effective and compassionate solutions.
- RSVP:** Yes, please! Email us at: [RSVP@humansolutions.org](mailto:RSVP@humansolutions.org) or call Andie on 503.548.0283
- FREE!** Yes, this one's on us. [But we think you'll be inspired to give after you hear Mia!]

## WHO IS MIA BIRDSONG?

Mia is a pathfinder, community curator and storyteller who steadily engages the leadership and wisdom of people experiencing injustice to chart new visions of American life. She has a gift for making visible and leveraging the brilliance of everyday people so that our collective gifts reach larger spheres of influence, cultural and political change, and create wellbeing for everyone.

As a global community, we all want to end poverty. Mia Birdsong suggests a great place to start: Let's honor the skills, drive and initiative that people bring to the struggle every day. She asks us to look again at people in poverty: They may be broke — but they're not broken.



Learn more about Mia (and watch her viral 2015 TED Talk) here: <http://www.miabirdsong.com/>

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# About Human Solutions

## OUR MISSION

Human Solutions counters the forces that keep people and communities in poverty by building relationships and assets that create opportunity — today and for future generations. Here's how:

**We partner** with people and communities impacted by poverty so they can achieve long-term housing and economic security.

**We invest** in affordable housing and community assets that contribute to strong, inclusive neighborhoods.

**We advocate** with our community for policies and investments that expand housing and economic opportunity, eliminate wealth inequality and end poverty.

East Portland/East Multnomah County, Oregon, is our home and the heart of our

## OUR VISION

Human Solutions envisions vibrant, healthy neighborhoods where all people can share in the security, hopes and advantages of a thriving, supportive community.

## OUR WORK

### Emergency Housing + Services

We operate two emergency shelter programs: one for women and one for families, where about 200 people have a safe place to sleep every night. We work with them to identify next steps and secure stable housing when they are ready. We also work with folks at risk of becoming homeless to help them remain in their homes.

**We believe everyone deserves support in crisis.**

### Permanent Affordable Housing

We build and operate affordable housing communities where people can afford to live and find the on-site services they need to be stable. We are moving two projects forward in East Portland right now: one with 75 units of mixed-income housing and a new service center in the Gateway neighborhood, the other with 65 units of supportive housing and a childcare center in the Rosewood area. **We believe housing should be affordable to all.**

### Economic Security

We work with people who want to increase their low incomes, with an eye toward career-track employment. We offer skills training, job placement and career planning, and we pair rent assistance to help people complete career training programs. **We believe in helping people achieve their income and career goals.**

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