



Three team members from i3 Interests recently participated in the Houston Sleep Out, an event benefiting Covenant House, a program that provides homeless youth with safe shelter, education and job training. The event raised \$535,275 and i3 was a proud underwriter.

The Sleep Out event provided an important lesson for i3 Vice President, Matt Maglothin. "It's common for me to be driving around Houston, see the homeless on a corner, and think that these people choose to live on the streets," said Maglothin. "The Covenant House Sleep Out showed me that not only do these kids come from under privileged, or often abused backgrounds, but they were also not given the opportunity and tools to succeed."

The Covenant House provides kids aged 18-22 the ability to get back on their feet by providing shelter, food, education on how to apply for and maintain a job, and showing them the responsibility it takes to navigate our society every day. "Covenant House has an amazing and dedicated staff," said i3 Vice President, John Holland. "They truly care about these kids. It's not just meals and a place to sleep, they provide a caring environment in which these youth can get the guidance, support and life skills they need to succeed on their own."

Before the Texas Real Estate Sleep Out, i3 Vice President, John Joubert, had only heard of the needs of the homeless youth. However, it's different to see things like this first hand. "After being in and around the homeless community, I am incredibly grateful that we at i3, both as a company and individuals, can help fill the gap, and give back to this under-served population in the heart of our community," said Joubert.

i3 is proud to have participated in the 2017 Sleep Out and looks forward to the next opportunity to work with Covenant House.