

Hope for all homes, strength for all youth- Jed Conde.

I am tired of watching from the sidelines. Homelessness impacts the lives of many in our community; we must look at the bigger picture. Through advocacy and collaboration with local organizations empowering those affected, I aim to address the root causes of homelessness and ensure long-term solutions. A home goes beyond physical space- it's crucial that mental health support is readily available to those in such unfortunate situations. I will dedicate my efforts to a cause that is bigger than me: a community where no one is left without the opportunity of a stable place to call home, especially more than 1,000 homeless children in MK being housed in temporary, unsuitable accommodation- (MK Citizen).

Why homelessness?

My involvement in a feeding ministry – sponsored by Pret and Kokoro, as well as home-cooked meals - gave me a firsthand understanding of the resilience and challenges faced by the homeless. Using my organization and communication to help acquire these sponsors' support and distribute food to those who need it, I recognized the influence it had on a substantial number of people. This experience illuminated the stark reality of their struggles and reinforced the urgency of taking meaningful action.

Through mobilizing resources and crafting sustainable solutions, we can turn empathy into action, restoring dignity and hope for those who need us.

Mental Health through Sport.

Appointing mental health counselors and creating safe spaces is important, but not enough. Being deeply involved in sport, I know it is a transformative tool for mental well-being. Values of resilience and teamwork foster mental strength and life skills that counseling alone cannot provide. Sport offers connections, purpose and identity in an increasingly isolated world.

Current recreational facilities in Milton Keynes are insufficient to meet the needs of its community. Available spaces often fall short in terms of quality and variety. Inadequate facilities hinder physical activity and personal development. For a healthier, active population, especially amongst youth, Milton Keynes must invest in improving recreational infrastructure, ensuring everyone has access to the resources they need fulfilling active lives. Mental health cannot merely be addressed in the therapist's office, but in the field, the court, the gym—where youth find empowerment through action, connection, and self-expression.

Hope for all homes, strength for all youth. Elect me, together we will create a community where everyone has the resources and opportunities to thrive.