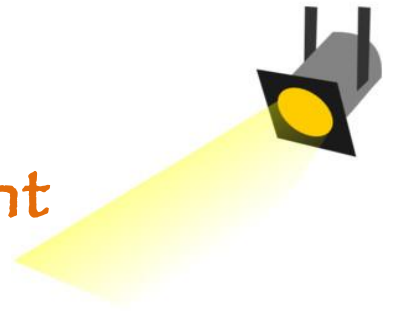




The Giving Tree

Service Spotlight

Homelessness



What is the homelessness?

People who are homeless are most often unable to acquire and maintain regular, safe, secure and adequate housing due to an unsteady or lack of income. People who may be living on the street or in shelters, who do not have a permanent residence or a place of their own to call home.

Who does homelessness affect?

Men, women, and in some cases children, can all experience homelessness. It affects people of all races and religions... both young and old.

How does homelessness effect people?

Having a lack of shelter means not having access to a shower, place to do laundry or even a place to receive mail. Things like getting medical treatment or even getting haircut can be difficult.

Why are people homeless?

There are many different reasons for homelessness. People living in severe poverty are not able to afford housing. Loss of employment, sickness, mental illness, domestic violence, addiction disorders and lack of support.

Facts

On any given night more than 1,000 homeless individuals are sleeping on the streets in Philly.

According to a 2017 study, there were 553,742 people experiencing homelessness in the U.S.

During time of extreme cold, a 'Code Blue' is put into effect for the homeless community. The mission is to bring them indoors to avoid prolonged exposure to dangerously cold temperatures.

How Can We Help?

Volunteer. Reach out to various shelters or soup kitchens to find out what you can do and how can you help.

Host a card making 'party'! Invite friends and family to participate. Create cards of encouragement to send hope and happiness to individuals experiencing homelessness.

The Giving Tree has many various projects benefiting the homeless community. Our Snowman Bag is especially helpful in the winter months. Each bag makes a world of difference for one individual. Do them on your own or host a project party. In-person or virtually!

Project Idea

Snowman Bag

Toothpaste	Hat
Toothbrush	Scarf
Gloves	White handled bag
Kindness Card	

* Other suggested projects:

Sock Rolls, Gift of Hope Bag, Hunger Bags, Helena's Hope Bag, etc.

The Giving Tree will provide note cards and labels for your project.

Be sure to reach out to us if you would like our assistance as you plan to create your project. We can provide you with all materials necessary. We look forward to seeing your completed bags!

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