

Homelessness, a global issue!



Osaka has 7,700 homeless

Quotes of the month:

"They just come here for the mild weather, you know; we have been told not to give anything to them."
- Unidentified Victoria woman.

"Clearly, there are a thousand and one scenarios for how someone can slip through the cracks. I'll walk down the street and see a homeless person, and I'll want to stop them and say, How did this happen? Where's your mother? Are you physically ill? Mentally ill?"
- William Baldwin

"The works of mercy are the opposite of the works of war, feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, nursing the sick, visiting the prisoner. But we are destroying crops, setting fire to entire villages and to the people in them. We are not performing the works of mercy but the works of war."
Dorothy Day

"People who are homeless are not social inadequates. They are people without homes."
- Sheila McKechnie

"What difference does it make to the dead, the orphans, and the homeless, whether mad destruction is wrought under the name of totalitarianism or the holy name of liberty or democracy?"
- Mohandas Gandhi

Ask Vickie

How do I make sure my contact and personal information is correct in the Our Place records?



Dear Gentle Reader,

Check with your Volunteer Co-ordinator in the Drop-in Centre, Scott at 38502454 and Brian or Peter at 388-7114 in the Upper Room.

Next month's question:

Where do our donations of food come from?

Happy July Birthday!

Jennifer V., Elsie L., Joy R.,
Erin S., John K

You are Invited to Our Place Society's Volunteer Barbecue

Sunday, September 16th, from 12:30 - 4 pm

Games....Food....Speeches....Friends

St. Ann's Academy - 835 Humbolt Street

We celebrate all volunteers!

I am a Volunteer

*I don't do it for money
I don't do it for prestige
I don't do it to show off*

*I am a volunteer
I do it because I feel good about myself
I feel useful, doing something different
I am not bored in my room anymore*

*I am a volunteer
I used to be a lonely person
I met a lot of new friends
Every day is a discovery of the human nature*

*I am a volunteer
I learned to respect people
And 99.9% of the cases people respect me
Smiling and receiving a smile is a great gift*

*I am a volunteer
The best satisfaction of it is
When I meet people on the street
They call me by my first name
You can't buy that anywhere*

Gerard (Weekend volunteer)

Donations:

WE NEED: **yarn; towels; footwear; clothing-seasonal garments; trousers; shirts; under garments & belts**, Bedding- blankets, sleeping bags, ground mats. **Toiletries- toothbrushes**, feminine hygiene products, razors, deodorant, brushes & combs. Knapsacks, backpacks, small tents.

Non-perishable foods: Canned or other dry packaged foods, coffee.

We need volunteers!

1. Drivers willing to **pick up bread** from local stores and deliver it to the drop-in centre both on weekends and weekdays. Back-up driver volunteers are also needed.
2. Workers are needed **every day:** 7am until 3 pm.

Call:

Pandora Street Soup Kitchen: Brian or Peter at 388-7114 or Johnson St. Drop-in Centre: Scott at 385-2454.

Safety Corner

. Accepted practice for handling food: wash hands, prepare receptacle (plate, platter, tray), open packages, procure appropriate utensil. Now put a glove on the hand or hands that are actually going to touch the food. Keep this hand/hands free of contact with any other surface until the task is complete. If this sounds confusing, please ask someone who has completed a Foodsafe course to demonstrate the procedure for you.

“Unconditional love given in a non-judgemental way.”