



Volunteer

Thoughts on homelessness



Charles Dickens

To be shelterless and alone in the open country, hearing the wind moan and watching for day through the whole long weary night; to listen to the falling rain, and crouch for warmth beneath the lee of some old barn or rick, or in the hollow of a tree; are dismal things — but not so dismal as the wandering up and down where shelter is, and beds and sleepers are by thousands; a houseless rejected creature.

Thomas Jefferson

“If Americans ever allow banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation and then by deflation, the banks will deprive the people of all property until their children will wake up homeless”.

Mother Teresa

“There is much suffering in the world - physical, material, mental. The suffering of some can be blamed on the greed of others. The material and physical suffering is suffering from hunger, from homelessness, from all kinds of diseases. But the greatest suffering is being lonely, feeling unloved, having no one. I have come more and more to realize that it is being unwanted that is the worst disease that any human being can ever experience.”

Dennis Kucinich

We have weapons of mass destruction we have to address here at home. Poverty is a weapon of mass destruction. Homelessness is a weapon of mass destruction. Unemployment is a weapon of mass destruction.

William Shakespeare

You take my life when you do take the means whereby I live.— The Merchant of Venice, 4/1
What are these, so wither'd and so wild in their attire, that look not like th'inhabitants o'th' earth, and yet are on't? — Macbeth, 1/3

Anna Quindlen

More than a decade after our fellow citizens began bedding down on the sidewalks, their problems continue to seem so intractable that we have begun to do psychologically what government has been incapable of doing programmatically. We bring the numbers down — not by solving the problem, but by deciding it's their own damn fault.

Volunteer Gatherings

A couple of volunteer gatherings have been scheduled for the month of November as follows:

Clothing Room/Hygiene Area Volunteers

Wednesday, November 17

Our Place Chapel

2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Dining Room/Nutrition Bar Volunteers

Monday, November 22

Our Place Chapel

2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

This is a chance for volunteers to gather with their program manager, to review ways of working, to assess what is working well and opportunities for improvement and, we hope, to have some fun and celebration. If you are interested in attending one of these gatherings, please RSVP to Antoinette.

Volunteer Holiday Gathering

Our annual volunteer holiday gathering will be held on Friday, December 3 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Our Place dining room. Here's an opportunity for volunteers to gather and celebrate the holiday season. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided. Invitations will be sent to all current volunteers in mid-November.

Manager, Volunteer Services

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Non-Gala Gala

On December 11, 2010, Our Place will host its first-ever Non-Gala Gala. Do your part for our community without giving up any of your time. No expensive outfits, uncomfortable black ties or lengthy speeches to sit through. You won't even have to search for a babysitter! The non-gala allows you to support those without a home by staying at home. It's as simple as that.

Tickets can be purchased by calling reception at (250) 388-7112. If you purchase a ticket before December 10, you will be entered to win one of our amazing door prizes. Thank you for your support.

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