Addressing Homelessness Together

Faith-Based Homeless Outreach Meeting

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“Collaboration is a mutually beneficial and well defined relationship entered into by two or more organizations to achieve results they are more likely to achieve together than alone.”

-Collaboration Handbook (Winer & Ray)
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- www.responsiblecompassion.com
- Data and Solutions Focus – Homelessness Defined
- Digging Deeper...

“Million Dollar Murray”

"It costs us one million dollars to not do something about Murray."

Toxic Charity

“Giving to those in need what they could be gaining from their own initiative may well be the kindest way to destroy people.” (4)

“The poor, no matter how destitute, have enormous untapped capacity; find it, be inspired by it, and build upon it.” (191)
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- Help Acquire Much Needed Resources
  - Money
  - Basic Needs: Food, Clothes, Toiletries, Blankets
  - Furniture
  - Services
  - Welcome Home Kits
  - Gift Cards
  - And, much more ...

- Set Aside a Portion of Tithe or Establish Special Program
TACKLE BARRIERS

• Advocacy
  • Share Community’s Message, Spread the Word
  • Participate in Outreach Days
• Leverage Resources
  • Employment/Training
  • Housing – Referrals, Beds, Housing Navigation Support
  • Transportation
• Eliminate Common Barriers
  • Pet Fostering
  • Childcare/Preschool
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CREATE NEW IDEAS

- Many local non-profits to support
- Do some treasure hunting!
- Eliminate line items in their budgets
- Focus your efforts
  - Time
  - Talent
  - Treasure
  - Touch
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THE BIG QUESTION

SHOULD I FEED THE HOMELESS?

SHOULD I GIVE TO THE HOMELESS?

SHOULD I GIVE MONEY?

YES.... But, in DIFFERENT WAYS!
Thank You for your support!

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