

[RESOURCE GENERATION]

CSB Launches One Day to End Homelessness

The Community Shelter Board has officially announced One Day to End Homelessness, a campaign to raise money to house homeless adults and families who are swelling Franklin County shelters beyond capacity.

The campaign urges Columbus and Franklin County residents to contribute the equivalent of just one day's rent or mortgage payment to the One Day to End Homelessness Campaign. All money raised will support the Community Shelter Board's nationally recognized programs, including prevention and rapid re-housing.

WBNS-10TV and other members of the Dispatch Media Group are teaming with the Community Shelter Board to promote the event through its vehicles, including The Columbus Dispatch, WBNS-10TV, and others. Promotional stories and ads began appearing on January 15 and will culminate in a telethon during news programming on January 31. Learn more at www.10TV.com. Donors can contribute now at www.onedaytoendhomelessness.org or by phone during the telethon on January 31.

Last month the Community Shelter Board formed the Faith Leadership Council to encourage the faith community to engage their congregants in One Day to End Homelessness. Represented on the Council are the Baptist Ministerial Alliance, Baptist Pastors Conference, Broad Street United Methodist Church, Catholic Diocese, Chabad Columbus, Columbus Board of Rabbis, Interfaith Association of Central Ohio, Interfaith Ministerial Alliance, Metropolitan Area Church Council, New Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, Vineyard Church of Columbus and the West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Congregations across Columbus and Franklin County are invited to hold the campaign among their members. A comprehensive toolkit of materials is available for any congregation that wishes to support the campaign.



Funds raised through the campaign will provide more resources to cope with these disturbing trends:

- < Demand for adult shelter has surged. There has been a 21% increase in the number of people who need shelter in our overflow beds.
- < Shelters housing families have run out of room, resulting in a rise in overflow family shelter of more than 4,000%.
- < Many people are staying in shelters longer because they can't find employment in today's tough job market.

[CRISIS RESPONSE]

Winter Overflow

The demand for shelter remains high, especially due to the weather. Shelters continue to be at or above capacity consistently. Faith Mission was recently able to open an alternate site for overflow at the old Mid-Ohio Foodbank facility. This has increased capacity by 50 men and 20 women. The family system census declined towards the end of December, but as of January 18, entered into overflow again.

[REBUILDING LIVES]

Collaborative Outreach Strategy

As part of the Rebuilding Lives plan, Erika Clark Jones of the City of Columbus has assembled a large workgroup of representatives of the diverse organizations engaged in outreach services throughout the city. The group met during December and January to develop a collaborative outreach model. The group is working to develop a structure that will allow the agencies to share information, identify resources available, increase accessibility and develop trust and working relationships. The model developed and recommendations for outreach will be presented to the Rebuilding Lives Funder Collaborative at its February meeting. A request for proposals will then be issued seeking the organization to implement the new model.

Unified Supportive Housing System

The Unified Supportive Housing System (USHS) is currently in the vacancy management phase and is accepting prospective applicant files for permanent supportive housing (PSH).

We continue to have several openings available in the YWCA WINGS program for women who qualify for HUD chronic homelessness. Please forward prospective applicant files to USHS for women who meet the HUD chronic homelessness eligibility and are interested in housing through this program.

USHS continues to accept and process indication of interest forms for the following projects: Commons at Buckingham, Southeast Scattered Sites, Southpoint Place, YMCA 40 W. Long St., YMCA Sunshine Terrace, and YWCA WINGS. Clients interested in obtaining housing must be referred either by a shelter or one of the outreach providers (Maryhaven Outreach, VA, Open Shelter, Southeast Outreach or Capital Crossroads).

The Unified Supportive Housing System is a collaborative effort managed by ADAMH, the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority and CSB. These partners are working together with other agencies in the community including health, housing, shelter, and outreach providers. This work is sponsored by the Osteopathic Heritage Foundations, Fannie Mae and Battelle.

For more information please contact Isolde Teba at 614-221-9195.

[CONTINUUM OF CARE]

Overnight Count Set for January 25

Final preparation for the Annual Point in Time Count of Unsheltered Persons is underway. All volunteer spaces have been filled and we are gearing up for the January 25 count.

The U. S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) requires all communities to conduct their count during the last ten days of January 2011. The unsheltered street count will occur during the 4:00 - 7:00 am period. The meal site count will occur throughout the day of January 25 and perhaps January 26 if needed.

As part of this year's process, at HUD's and the Veterans Administration's request, veterans will be counted specifically for the first time.

Tiffany Nobles, CSB's Program Administrator and Continuum of Care Coordinator, is working with volunteers and CSB staff to coordinate the count and evaluation process.

[GATEWAY]

Applications Coming in February

The FY12 Gateway application for partner agencies will be available at www.csb.org beginning February 25, 2011. Each agency's proposed funding award and program outcomes plan will be sent individually via e-mail on the same date. Completed Gateway applications are due to CSB on March 17, 2011.

Partner agencies will meet with CSB staff in April during one-on-one meetings. This collaborative approach is focused on the continued improvement of programs and services. Stay tuned to www.csb.org for more information in the coming weeks.

[IN THE SPOTLIGHT]

Homelessness Highlighted During Diversity Program

Homelessness was highlighted during the January 19 episode of the Columbus Community Relations Commission's GTC-3 cable show, *Diversity in Central Ohio*. This television show is produced to educate Columbus residents about the diversity of its people and to inspire their efforts to achieve "the best city in America to live, work and raise a family." Michelle Heritage Ward was interviewed alongside Jacci Graves, member of the Citizens Advisory Council and resident at The Commons at Grant. Also featured was Jackie Thomas-White, nurse practitioner from Mount Carmel Outreach.

Report on State of Homelessness in America Shows Increased Needs

The [State of Homelessness in America](#) report, released by the National Alliance to End Homelessness on January 12, shows an increase in the nation's homeless population from 2008 to 2009 due to the recession. This includes a 4 percent national increase in families experiencing homelessness. Though Ohio showed a decrease in family homelessness in 2009, the numbers in 2010 increased and show the homeless situation has worsened.

CSB Releases First Annual Homeless Assessment Report

CSB released its first [Annual Homeless Assessment Report](#) (AHAR) for Columbus and Franklin County in early January. This report is a resource for stakeholders to easily access information on homelessness in the Columbus and Franklin County between October 1, 2009 and September 30, 2010. The AHAR includes information on individuals and families in emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing.

In the period that the 2010 AHAR covers, 1,020 families and 6,513 single adults were served in the three evaluated programs. The number of people served through transitional and permanent housing remained stable throughout the year, but the number in emergency shelter increased during the winter months causing a need for additional overflow units. While the typical homeless person was a single, adult male of a minority group, the programs serving families tended to see more women.

Wexner Family and Limited Brands Lend a Hand

Abigail Wexner and her children volunteered at Faith Mission on December 17 to sort supplies, clothing and other items donated during a special drive among Limited Brands associates. The Wexners also helped serve the evening meal in Faith Mission's kitchen.

Limited Brands associates went even further by helping to re-design Faith Mission's donation center.

Tours

In early January, CSB provided a tour for Stefanie Steward-Young of Fifth Third Bank. Stephanie toured Homeless Families Foundation and Community Housing Network's Southpoint Place.

Thanks to **Schottenstein Stores (American Signature, Inc. and Schottenstein Property Group)** for supporting homeless programs to help families and individuals in a housing crisis. Michelle Heritage Ward and Melissa Kempf accepted a gift for CSB on December 14 and 15 at Schottenstein Stores staff holiday parties.



Michael Broidy, Michelle Heritage Ward, Jay Schottenstein



Michael Broidy, Melissa Kempf, Hyman Albritton

Upcoming Meetings

- Check out the interactive calendar at www.csb.org under Resources for our Partners < Meetings.

Enclosure

- Campaign flyer