

## Homelessness

What does homelessness mean to you? Do you really care about homelessness? I do, and I care a lot. For me, the homeless are people who are very poor. They don't have shelter, food, or even love. They are alone. This whole world is full of homeless people, and this is very sad to hear. We need to stop this right now, and see everybody happy with things that they need. I hope the government will help the homeless.

If you are a homeless person, it could be your fault that you're in that situation. You might have made a mistake when you were young. Maybe you didn't go to school, you were on drugs, you got pregnant (if you are a girl), you were born into the situation, or you wasted money on things that you didn't need.

I don't know about you, but I want to make a difference in America. WE HAVE TO STOP HOMELESSNESS RIGHT NOW! Think if you were a homeless person, and needed help. Would you like it if the government gives you all the resources to live? But you would have to make an effort to work, and be able to pay for everything some day. Everything has a cost, it is not free.

I can imagine that one day I would see everybody happy and not anyone homeless. If you want to see that day soon, you'll have to take action. Also, if you are a homeless person, do not give up, and still try. I feel right now very mad and sad because homelessness is the worst thing that can happen to someone.

My mother was very poor when she was a little girl, and her dad abandoned her when she was a baby. When she was growing up, she always said, "I will be a rich woman." Today, she is a rich woman because she had faith in herself. She never lost her confidence. She accomplished her dreams, and I know that everybody can do this, too.

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