

## Homelessness

There are a lot of homeless people in Houston. We should help them by going to shelters to serve food. We should be nice, and treat them right. We should help them whenever it is cold, and they are sick. We should give them what they want to eat. Homelessness is a sad story that so many people go through. It is bad for everybody that goes through this. It happens for specific reasons. When it occurs, life can be so hard. They can't pay their bills. Imagine how the homeless feel having no money. It is something to think about.

People should start taking homelessness seriously. Usually people don't care because they just want to go on with their life. We have to open our minds that it is not easy for the homeless. We need to stop homelessness. Together, we can stop it. People need to be encouraged to help out more. People need to be convinced that they have the power to stop something terrible like this. The homeless just hope for a way to survive.

We are all equal and the same way we help our relatives, we should help the homeless. We can start by donating to shelters, and volunteering. Taking a bit out of our time won't hurt. Just remember, we are doing something good. This will pay us back in life. We can look back at it later on, and notice it was something nice to do.

This is also something that we have to commit to. We can't just help one day in a shelter, and that's it. It has to be more and worth it. Homelessness is a big problem, but we can solve it. When I think about homelessness, it makes me really sad. But it can stop with everybody's help. There is no time to waste. We can stop it today. We can create a big organization nationwide to get everybody's attention, and raise as much money as we can to get the homeless people's life back, or maybe the life they never had.

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