

Summary

Homelessness is not having a place to live. It's living on the streets or in shelters. We can stop homelessness, but we need to act together so everyone can be happy and have a place to live.



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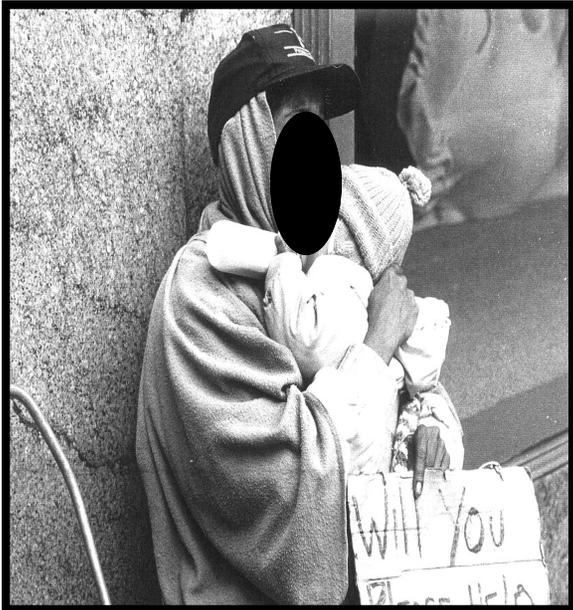


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What is homelessness?

Homelessness is the state or condition of having no home. When you are homeless you are forced to live in the streets. You have no place of your own and can possibly die from temperatures or get killed by neighboring street gangs. When you are homeless you have no medical insurance and can die from diseases. You have no place to go and often feel lonely and sad, especially when no one gives you money. You can't buy food, you are always dirty, and can't survive that long without the things you need. When you are homeless you can be 20 years old and look like 57. It wears you out and makes you look old.



What are the causes?

There are many causes for homelessness. They can range about anywhere. The most common are foreclosures when you can't pay for your house anymore so the bank takes it away. And also a very common one is after serving in the military many people suffer with things like Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and can't pay for their medication. They often wind up on the streets waiting to be called so they can serve again. You can be unlucky and born homeless, but it's not your fault. You can run out of money after spending too much. There are millions of ways you can become homeless but sadly not as many to stop it.



How can we help stop it?

There are a few ways to stop homelessness. For one, you can work at soup kitchens or donate to charities. You can also volunteer at homeless charities. You can spare change when a person begs you. You can send letters to Congress asking them to put more effort into this situation. Do whatever you can to please help end this because no one wants to live on the streets.



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