



UNDER OUR WINGS

A FAITH BASED OPPORTUNITY TO HELP OUR HOMELESS

UNDER OUR WINGS is a program specifically designed to help homeless individuals on a one on one basis. Through an intermediary process , local faith-based congregations can sponsor one individual, one married couple, or a family. Countless organizations focus on the short-term needs of these unique individuals. This program aims to pinpoint their challenges and permanently alleviate the cause of their current or chronic condition of homelessness.

It has been said that “it takes a village to raise a child”, well it also takes a village to end homelessness. Your congregation can be that village. With participation from your members and their special talents, a disenfranchised individual, married couple or family can once again be part of the society that most often shuns them. Your congregation is in a rare position to make a difference in the lives of these individuals.

One small congregation-one homeless individual

One medium congregation- a married couple

One large congregation-a family

This is a simple solution to a complicated problem. We hope you join us in this journey of HOPE.

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PROGRAM DETAILS

PROGRAM FOUNDATION

UNDER OUR WINGS offers a framework to organizations who are intimately involved with the homeless population. By partnering these organizations with faith-based congregations, these organizations will act as “intermediaries”. An intermediary can be any 501c3 nonprofit, shelter, government agency etc. These organizations act as liaisons between the participating congregation by partnering them with individuals, married couples and families.

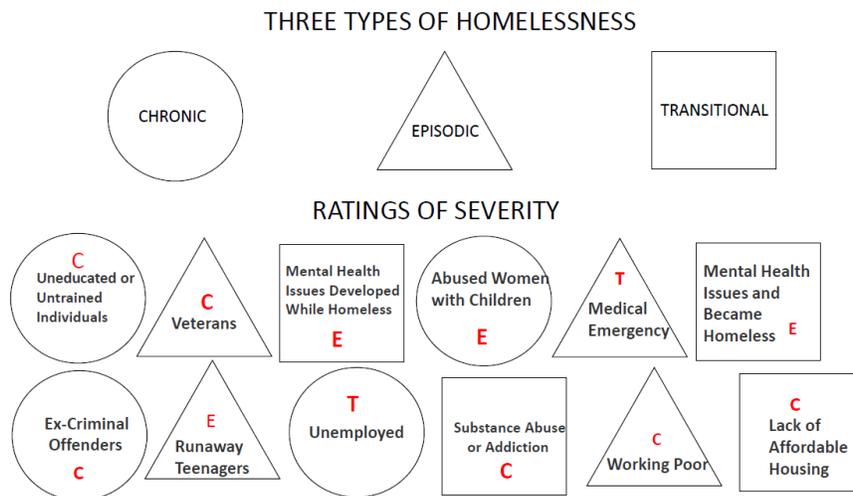
HOW IT WORKS

Intermediaries introduce the program *UNDER OUR WINGS* to interested participants. Once a participant agrees to the terms of the program, the intermediary will identify the specific needs of the individual, couple or

family unit and place them with a cooperating congregation. These congregations, who have agreed to the terms of the program, will take in participant(s) and provide all the necessary tools to help move them out of homelessness. The program is structured as a steppingstone towards independence. Though some circumstances will require a more permanent placement, only congregations interested in more severe cases will be identified as such partners.

There are Three types of homelessness:

- 1.) **Chronic:** Those who are homeless for a longer amount of time, usually older or injured people. This is the least common type of homelessness.
- 2.) **Transitional:** People who stay at the shelter for only a short period of time due to a catastrophic event, usually younger people, who are forced to go to a homeless shelter for a short time. This is the most common type of homelessness.
- 3.) **Episodic:** Those who are frequently going in and out of homelessness, usually younger, and due to abuse, unemployment, and experience mental illness or medical problems.



Through the guidance of an intermediary, who has pre-qualified participants and assessed specific needs, the process of joining participants and host congregations begins. The process is in three stages:

EDUCATION

- 1) Education of homelessness: Types, needs and resolution.
- 2) How to maintain a healthy process. Identify special talents within the congregation. Forming a committee.
- 3) How to choose a type for your congregation.
- 4) How to deal with complications.
- 5) Why it is important to help.

INTRODUCTION

- 1) Three to five cases will be presented to the congregation committee.
- 2) The committee will have 7-10 days to choose a participant (s).
- 3) Once a participant has been chosen, the congregation committee, with the guidance of the intermediary, will access needs for best results.

PLACEMENT

- 1) Placement process begins.
- 2) Participant receives help to specifically address needs.
- 3) Ongoing monitoring by intermediary.

PROGRAM CONCLUSION

- 1) Participant is self-sufficient.