



Oct. 7, 2015 Compassionate Housing Forum Brainstorming results:

1. Figure out how to identify a more accurate number of the various homeless persons.
 - 70 – 120 Claver House of Joy breakfast
2. Have a gathering where those of us who are homeless can come together and share what would be helpful / needed / useful.
 - want hygiene assistance (showers)?
 - want food provided?
 - want relief from the winter cold?
3. Realize that there is a "ring of panhandlers" in our city ripping off "good hearted" people who donate.
4. What about those who don't want shelter – mental illness – work on it
5. Get some money together so Steve North can build a "Shower Bus".
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6. Spread the word to medical centers to get more professionals to help Steve with his Lifeline Medical Bus: doctors, nurses, clerical, etc. – needs funding – saves hospitals \$, so they should help
7. Always carry 20 \$1 to give out
8. Should have a Forum on Facebook to get ideas
9. Mustard Seed – is a provider
10. Reduction of funding is a problem
11. Churches could adopt a family – win/win for each
12. Compassionate employer hiring of homeless
13. Chattanooga vouchers for better neighborhoods – create better opportunities for newly housed
14. Break down the cycle – long range assessment of skills
15. Family Promise issue with health department – perhaps need advice from Fair Housing /center
16. Our group decided to do pro/cons of small houses and only came up with cons except for obviously getting them off the street kinda.
 - The cons were: is it dignified, what kind of inspection - Section 8 Regs? Who pay for housing? Where put homes? How decide who get to move in? On site services/support mechanisms - peer support, crisis support, mentoring/sponsorship, case workers where come from, who oversee all pieces of collaboration and who pay? Must always give them meaningful reason to wakeup/something to do so not go back to old habits.....maybe a gated community.
 - After a thorough discussion of all angles it was decided not applicable to Toledo because not a big enough population to make it cost/energy effective.....so it all goes back to affordable housing and where access integrated services.
17. Best stories/options were HUD Vet program VASH and option was sponsorship/mentorship of the homeless.
18. Also mentioned that we, all agencies, doing a good job now; maybe better integration/networking.
19. All liked idea of a Homeless Town Hall. And also the Homeless Solution Think Tank.