

# WAYS TO HELP THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

Here are some simple guidelines to equip you to truly help the homeless people you meet!



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Support Shelter KC



Connect with Shelter KC to partner with us in the ministry to those experiencing homelessness.

**1. Never give cash to a homeless person**

Too often, cash is converted to drugs or alcohol—even when the stories they tell are true. If the person is hungry, buy them a sandwich and a beverage instead.

**2. Talk to the person with respect**

Taking time to talk to a homeless person in a friendly, respectful manner can give them a wonderful sense of civility and dignity.

**3. Know that homeless people are not all the same**

The homeless are as diverse as the colors of a rainbow. The person you meet may be a battered woman, an addicted veteran or someone who is lacking job skills.

**4. Share God's love wherever you can**

If Jesus were walking the earth today, He would certainly spend time with the homeless. Today, Jesus chooses to work through those who believe and follow Him.

**5. Pray for the homeless**

Exposure to the elements, dirt, occasional violence and lack of purpose all drain years from a person's life. Your prayers make a difference.

**6. Take precautions for your own safety**

Be aware of your surroundings while talking with people you meet on the street. Remain in public areas where others can see you, and if you feel unsafe, consider disengaging from the conversation.

**7. Encourage the homeless to get help through Shelter KC**

Every day the Shelter KC strives to demonstrate Christ's love and compassion by offering essential physical, emotional and spiritual services to people in need. Through a 24-hour operation run by volunteers, staff and program-graduates, We provide a variety of services that include: Guest services for men, our women's center, food, clothing and household goods distribution and other community services. Additionally, The Shelter KC's long-term programs give dedicated individuals the tools they need to overcome addictions and other life-controlling issues.

**8. Support Shelter KC**

Shelter KC is supported by caring individuals, churches, businesses and civic groups who see the value of sharing their resources with the less fortunate.



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