

Homeless in the Panhandle

Faith Community Coalition

For The Homeless

Martinsburg, WV

What is home???



Losing Your Home means

- *Loss of your possessions

- *Loss of your dignity

- *Loss of your safety

Right here in Martinsburg



The Numbers

*According to the Census Bureau, Martinsburg has 28% of the population living below the federal poverty line.

*The 2014 Point in Time Survey identified several hundred people living homeless, which often doesn't count those who are couch surfing or staying in temporary housing that can and does change.

Homeless Families



Homeless Children

*Hungry

*Insecure

*Studies show significant impact on learning

What Can We Do???



Faith Community Coalition for the Homeless

- Founded in 2013
- Mission: To educate and engage the community about homelessness, and provide opportunities to serve.
- What we do: Raise funds and donations to provide emergency hotel stays, sleeping bags and camping supplies, food, and referrals/support for those who find themselves homeless.

Partners

- Catholic Charities- fiscal agent
- WV Coalition to End Homelessness
- Path Program (Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness)
 - Focusing on most vulnerable
 - Focusing on rapid re-housing

How You Can Help

- Come to one FCCH meeting and take an update back to your faith community
- Drag one sleeping bag out of your basement or garage and donate
- Buy one extra bag of socks or underwear next time you shop and donate to clothing closet
- Clean out your pantry and make one pot of food to share

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