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WE CARE NEWS!!!

An Informative Newsletter regarding the Homeless, Stranded and Down & Out in America

2018 YEAR IN REVIEW ON THE HOMELESS FRONT

2018 tuned out to be an interesting year as it relates to the homeless, stranded and down & out. It had its very high highs to its ugly lows. During the year Amazon Founder Jeff Bezos pledged \$2 billion dollars in an effort to support and ease the challenges that are faced by the homeless. While the year ended with a fraud case in the magnitude of \$400,000 as part of a homeless vet scam that was launched through G0-fund me. The homeless numbers spiked in many cities and California had its unanticipated spike due the wildfires that broke out. In Northern California. In 2018 we continued to see great charitable work being done by many organizations across the US as they continue to be the backbone of the overall efforts in the fight to eradicate homelessness.

In Houston, the Boston Celtics basketball team was playing the Houston Rockets when a homeless person ran up to the Boston bus as the players were departing and Celtics All-Star point guard Kyrie Irving reached into his pocket and gave the man several hundred dollars. In 2018 we seen a 16 year old young man by the name of Greenwood, MS by the name of Carver O'Neal start a sock drive for the homeless. He collected over 665 pairs of socks for the homeless. We also seen at an alarming rate crimes by the homeless on the rise: groping and unwanted touching crimes by homeless people riding the subway have seen an 8 percent increase.

Assaults by the homeless are up 10 percent.

Nearly 30% admitted to committing a "minor crime

such as shoplifting or anti-social behavior" in the hope of being taken into custody for the night. We seen the Federal Government increase its funding for runaways and homeless services by 28 percent increase over its 2017 funding.. State and local funding in 2018 varied by state as various states faced their own challenges. Due to a lot of Christmas shopping being done online, the drop in foot traffic which has preliminarily shown a drop in the Salvation Armies donation by \$200-\$300 thousand dollars in 2018. The year ended with countless number of homeless, stranded and down & out individuals receiving warm, meals, love and care during the 2018 Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday season. God bless to all how made or tried to make a difference

20 STARS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO ENDING HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS

Often we wonder or hope that starts or those with a lot of money are using their money and influence for some notable cause. The truth be told they are doing a lot and it may not get the coverage that it deserves. These individuals are making major impacts in a

whole host of areas with their charitable philanthropy and influence. Recently MSN ran a story of 20 stars who are committed to ending hunger and homelessness. Here is the list of the 20 people that they spotlighted: 1. George Clooney, 2. Beyoncé', 3. Jeff Bridges,

4. Miley Cyrus, 5. Susan Sarandon, 6. Russell Brand, 7. Kobe Bryant, 8. Yoko Ono, 9. Kevin Bacon, 10 Kim and Khloe Kardashian, 11. Jeff Gordon, 12. 50 Cent, 13. Ben Affleck and Ellen DeGeneres, 14. Jon Bon Jovi,

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"One person can make a difference, and everyone should try."
— John F. Kennedy



SPOT LIGHT— GATEWAY RESCUE MISSION

Gateway Rescue Mission serves the physical and spiritual needs of the homeless. We do this by providing tasty, nutritious meals for the body, a clean bed for the night, and a message of hope in Jesus Christ for the soul.

We also offer programs for those seeking biblical life transformation.

At Gateway Rescue Mission, we preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to the poor. The Bible proclaims a message of release to those

in captivity to drugs, alcohol and poverty; recovery of sight to the spiritually blind, freedom to those oppressed by mental illness; and the glorious hope that we live in the favorable year of the Lord.

We can't save anyone. That's God's job. Our job is to be a vessel. That's what we are at Gateway Rescue Mission...God's vessel to pour out His mercy on those whom He will show mercy right here in Jackson, Mississippi.

Please visit the Gateway Rescue Mission for more information and how you can help this organization impacts so many lives.

<https://gatewaymission.org>

Gateway Rescue Mission exists to offer life changing hope through the Gospel of Jesus Christ to homeless men, women and children through programs to deliver food, shelter, counseling and discipleship.

Information from the Gateway Rescue Mission website

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

Dr. Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., M.D., was sworn in as the 17th Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on March 2, 2017. Appointed by the President, and a member of his Cabinet, the Secretary advises the President on housing issues, creates and implements policy, and oversees all programs in the Department. For nearly 30 years, Secretary Carson served

as Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at the Johns Hopkins Children's Center, a position he assumed when he was just 33 years old, becoming the youngest major division director in the hospital's history. In 1987, he successfully performed the first separation of craniopagus twins conjoined at the back of the head. He also performed the first fully successful separation of type-2 vertical crani-

opagus twins in 1997 in South Africa.

Dr. Carson received dozens of honors and awards in recognition of his achievements including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor. He is also a recipient of the Spingarn Medal, the highest honor bestowed by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

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15. Oprah Winfrey, 16. Bono, 17. Brad Pitt, 18. Christina Aguilera, 19. Rapper T.I., 20. Zach Galifianakis. This list does not encompass all of the many wonderful individuals who use their money and stardom to make an impact. However there are just as many individuals who may not have the resources and star power as

these individuals whom each day make a tremendous impact the lives of individuals that may not know or may only see one time in their lives. We salute all who are making a difference large and small. You are appreciated!!! President John F. Kennedy said it best when said "One person can make a difference, and everyone should try." Want you make a dif-

ference with so many others and let's all look to end hunger and homelessness.



THE MILLIPEDE EFFECT

Several years in the making, "The Millipede Effect" has been released by Authorhouse Publishing this past January. The book lays out BBV2M LLC founder and President Rodney Brooks quest to understand the homeless, stranded and down & out. From movies to our own perceptions, it all shapes how we approach this situation. Brooks looks at Government, Civic Organizations and religion (the Church) as all play a major part in finding ways to help the plight of the homeless. These different groups

display on a daily basis their commitment to service, financial giving and voluntary work. Like the millipede with its many body parts/ compartments (government, civic, religion) and its many legs (the people driving these various groups); there are many misconceptions about those that are homeless. The book looks at those various challenges as well hear from several of those that are homeless, stranded and down & out. Brooks introduces us to his spirit filled purpose and calling in helping the homeless, stranded and down & out

as well he walks us through what the various religions say about each individual of faith and their role in being a part of the solution. The book can be ordered through [Authorhouse Publishing](http://bookstore.authorhouse.com/Products/SKU-001092211/The--Millipede-Effect.aspx) at <http://bookstore.authorhouse.com/Products/SKU-001092211/The--Millipede-Effect.aspx> or [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com/) at <https://www.amazon.com/>

Word on The Street — L.O.V.Es Kitchen

L.O.V.E.S KITCHEN

Love's kitchen served more than 200 plates of hot food Christmas day. "It's the kind of meal they would have if they were home. A lot of them—this is their home. One of the churches donated Christmas presents. So the homeless people got Christmas presents to take home with them," says

Love's Kitchen Executive Director Fannie Johnson. Ask anyone in the Lauderdale County area about Love's Kitchen and they will tell you it is a life saver and that Fannie Johnson is the wheel that keeps it turning. For several decades Love's has been providing meals for those who are in need. If you would like to help please contact them at



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Story excerpts form WTOK.



HOMELESS HEALTH CONCERNS

Poor health can contribute to being homeless, and being homeless can lead to poor health. Limited access to health care can make it worse. That's why the health of homeless people in the United States is worse than that of the general population. Common health problems include

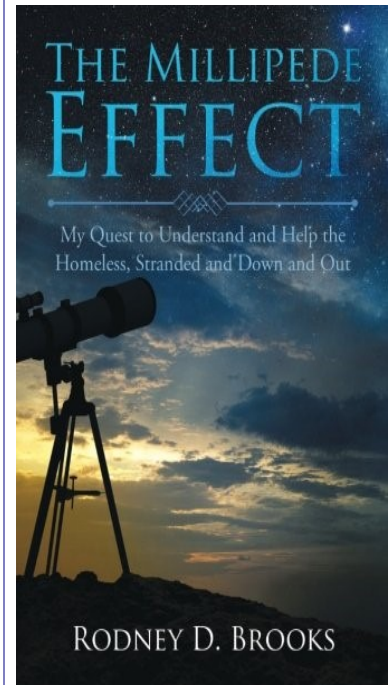
- Mental health problems
- Substance abuse problems

Bronchitis and pneumonia
Problems caused by being outdoors

Wound and skin infections

Many homeless women are victims of domestic or sexual abuse. Homeless children have high rates of emotional and behavioral problems, often from having witnessed abuse.

Help such as shelters, health centers, and free meals are available. Contact your local homelessness assistance agency. Article brought to you by



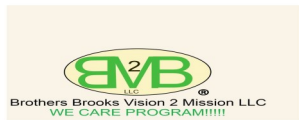
HOMELESS
Give them a hand
not the boot



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**GET
INVOLVED!**
VOLUNTEER TODAY

WE ARE.....

At BBV2M LLC our vision is to help all people excel in all aspects of life. The challenges facing the homeless, stranded and down & out is such a daunting task. There are great organizations in both the public and private sector with many wonderful people who are on the frontline in ensuring that these individual are taken care of and have a voice. Our goal is to due our part by assistance , education and support. Although our organization was founded in 2015 our heritage stretches back over seven decades of assisting and helping others. The patri-archs of the family instilled the values and beliefs of helping others through the biblical teaching of God’s word. Our goal is to be the bridge that helps those in need that are homeless, stranded and down & out get to the proper resources to assist them in their endeavors. This has been spiritually rewarding for us as we truly look to fulfill our purpose of helping others.

You Can Help.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

James says it best “If a brother or sister is poorly clothed or lacks daily food, and one of you say to them , “Go in peace, keep warm and eat well,” but does not give them what the body needs, what good is it? (James 2:15-16) Those of us who have been given the ability to practice our faith through our works should do so. The opportunity to help our brothers and sisters in need are tremendous. If you are already doing so then I salute you and ask as well as pray that you continue to do so. If you are not or have wondered how then let me give you a couple of suggestions. Your preference in helping is based how you feel in your heart assist.

There are many national and local charitable agencies that work with the homeless. Each of these organizations have a platform and plan on who and how they help those that are homeless. Most organization do take financial donations but they also look for volunteers and advocates. Your local Church or other places of worship also has various types of ministries that are deigned to help the poor and down trodden. Your local or national Wounded Warrior chapter that is designed to help our veterans who are homeless. Whatever your preference in helping; it all starts with you. Let’s each do our part in 2018 and be exceptional stewards of Love!



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