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- **Amazon Founder Pledge's to Help the Homeless**
- **Crimes Committed by the Homeless**
- **Word on the Street**

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WE CARE NEWS!!!

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

JEFF AND MACKENZIE BEZOS PLEDGE \$2 BILLION FOR HOMELESS AND PRESCHOOLERS

The Amazon founder and chief executive, Jeff Bezos, and his wife, Mackenzie, pledged \$2 billion on Thursday for a new fund to start preschools and help homeless families.

The money, put into what he called the Day 1 Fund, is by far the largest philanthropic donation by Mr. Bezos, the world's richest person. It will support organizations that provide shelter and food for homeless families, and will start a network of nonprofit Montessori-inspired preschools for underserved communities.

"If our own great-grandchildren don't have lives better than ours, something has gone very wrong," As Mr. Bezos's wealth and influence has grown, he has faced increased public pressure to make significant philanthropic investments.

His net worth is valued at \$164 billion, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. He bought The Washington Post in 2013 for \$250 million, and has said he's put about \$1 billion a year into his private space-flight company, Blue Origin.

His largest known philanthropic contribution to date was \$33 million in scholarships to support the education of undocumented students who graduated from high school in the United States. Earlier this month, he made his first major political contribution, putting \$10 million into a bipartisan political action committee to support military veterans running for Congress.

The fund's homeless work will involve "annual leadership awards" to groups do-

ing "compassionate, needle-moving work to provide shelter and hunger support to address the immediate needs of young families," Mr. Bezos said. He cited Mary's Place, a nonprofit in the Seattle area that Amazon has worked with in recent years, as inspiration.

Story from the New York Times



Jeff and Mackenzie Bezos

CRIMES COMMITTED BY THE HOMELESS

While most crimes committed by homeless people fall into the non-arrest, misdemeanor category, some violent acts are on the rise as well.

In a recently released report, groping and unwanted touching crimes by homeless people riding the sub-

way 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. And a fifth of those questioned said they had avoided being given bail or committed "an imprisonable offence with the express purpose of receiving a custodial sentence as a means to resolving their housing problems"

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Sisters Strengthening Sisters Women & Children Homeless

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SPOT LIGHT— SISTERS STRENGTHENING SISTERS

The Sisters Strengthening Sisters Women and Children Shelter has been serving the Gulfport Community since 2009. Women from all different walks of life check in for a new beginning. The shelter offers networking opportunities, hot meals and clothes for residents, but staff members say that can't do it without the help of the

community. If you are in the surrounding areas and would like to support this great effort by Sisters Strengthening Sisters then please reach out to them. They have noted that they can always use can goods, house hold cleaning items, women's and children's clothing which always brings a smile to those in need.



New report from ABC TV 7

FORMER HOMELESS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYER WINS GAME AFTER 2 YEARS OFF THE FIELD

The crowd roared on Friday night as 18-year-old Jamal Speaks and his teammates on Ballou High School's football team secured a win with seconds left in the game against Roosevelt High School in Washington, D.C.

For Speaks, the road to victory was not easy.

This was his first time playing with his teammates after nearly two years away from the sport he loves.

He had a tough year, due to homelessness. It interfered with his eligibility for recent games.

He says he's grateful for every

bit of support he's getting as he tackles the road blocks in life.

"I love y'all, thank y'all so much. I just want to tell y'all that from the bottom of my heart," said Speaks.

Speaks says right now he's focused on going to college and playing football when his senior year wraps up.

"It's a blessing to be in this uniform again," Speaks told

CRIMES COMMITTED BY THE HOMELESS CONTINUED

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Besides the increase in the number of homeless people on the street, mental illness and addiction problems are also listed as major contributors to crimes committed by the homeless. Some recent high profile crimes committed by a few that are homeless has now shown a big spotlight on the issue. The question that some

homeless advocates are asking is will those individual that are mentally ill be given the same due process..

The issue can be a lot deeper. Take the current case of Collen Richard Daniel 22, who has been charged with 1st degree murder in the death of Celia Barquin Arozamena, a student at Iowa State University. An acquaintance of Richards

told investigators that the suspect had said in recent days that he had "an urge to rape and kill a woman" while they were walking on a trail near the course, the complaint said.

The argument will be pre-meditated murder or someone with a mental illness. Only time will tell how this issue works out.

NEW BOOK RELEASE: 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

We are very excited to announce a new program/ service that will be starting next week. Thanks to generous donors and some great partners we will be open for extended hours. This program will not only provide a safe climate controlled environment for our homeless

population, it will also provide resources for job searches Training programs, tutoring programs and limited transportation assistance more. We have a great group of volunteers already signed up - but if anyone would like to donate games (cards, dominoes) or movies please contact us at 6016931409. #lovemymeridian!!!

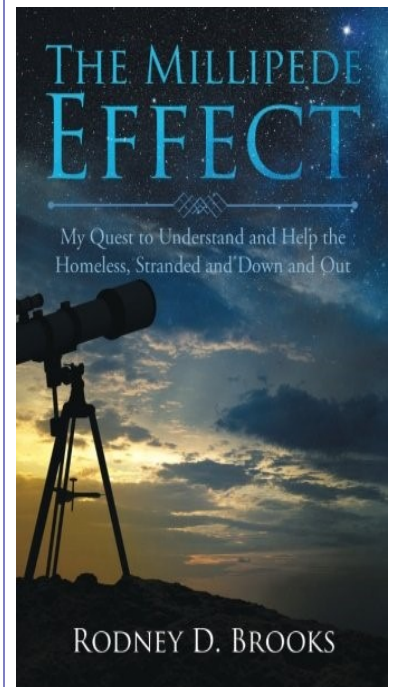


ON A MISSION: MISSISSIPPI TEEN STARTS MINISTRY TO GIVE SOCKS TO HOMELESS

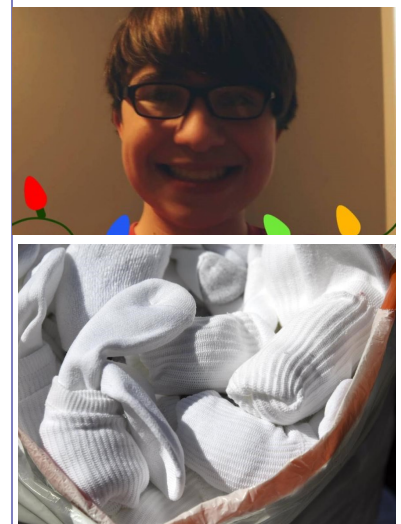
Socks are the No. 1 most requested clothing item at homeless shelters. This is a fact Carver O'Neal read last year, and it resonated with him. "It's one of the things they just don't really receive a lot of," said the 16-year-old. "Scripture says, 'Pray without ceasing. Pray continuously,' so I really try to put that into practice in my life. When this started, I felt the Lord leading me there,

and I kept praying." O'Neal, a student at Pillow Academy, said he was in class one day and an idea for a sock drive hit him. "After I saw that fact, and for me there's certain times you keep praying about something and God is just going to let you know, and I think that's kind of how it was. He just let me know

that was the thing," said O'Neal. "It did involve a lot of prayer." So last year O'Neal held a sock drive and collected 665 pairs of socks," he said. The successful event sparked O'Neal to continue the work he felt led to do. This year, the 10th-grader formed Mission: Socks, a ministry dedicated to providing the homeless with socks.



HOMELESS
Give them a hand
not the boot



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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 patriachs 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.



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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