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WE CARE NEWS!!!

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

SEVERE WEATHER ADDED TO THE WOES OF MANY WHO WERE ALREADY HOMELESS

Hurricane Harvey slammed through the Texas and left the area flooded with reckless abandonment. The ferocious storm left over 30 dad and 30,000 homeless. The country mobilized to send relief to the area and big name entertainers and professional athletes open up their check books to ensure that aid and support would be on the way. Many that were already homeless now had a population that had not been through the daily struggles that they face each day. Places that are not normally open for those on a daily basis were now available, if you had the ability or the luck to participate in it. However for some this new influx of homeless individuals were now displace those who meet such dire times on a

daily basis. Politician made their way to Texas in efforts to promise and bring spotlight to the situation even if it was only for a couple of news cycles. A month has passed, other things now dominate the headlines and most people feel they have done their part. Most that were homeless due to the storm have been able to get back to some sort of normal life even it is relocating to other places or staying with relatives. Unfortunately, for those who were homeless before the storm will also go back to their lives being in a normal state. Wondering, searching, and depending on others and the good Lord to take care of them one day at a time.



OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONTH

What is Domestic Violence?

It is the violent or aggressive behavior within the home, typically involving the violent abuse of a spouse or partner. Every 9 seconds a woman is beaten in the United States. Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to wom-

en—more than car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined. Everyday in the US, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends. Based on reports from 10 countries, between 55 percent and 95 percent of women who had been physically abused by their partners had never contacted

non-governmental organizations, shelters, or the police for help.





SPOT LIGHT—CARE LODGE



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Founded in May 1981, Care Lodge is an important and integral part of the community that has continued to focus solely on the mission of supporting victims of domestic violence in East Mississippi.

Care Lodge provides services for approximately 1,000 shelter and non-shelter clients each year; all services to victims of domestic violence and their children are provided completely free of charge.

Care Lodge is a 501(c)3

non-profit agency governed by a volunteer board that ensures all agency rules, regulations and bylaws are consistent with our mission and vision. Funding is provided through grants, the United Way and local contributions.

The State of Mississippi mandates that domestic violence shelters in the State raise at least 25 percent of their operating budgets from local resources. Care Lodge consistently receives more than 25 percent of our annual budget from local sup-

port.

Care Lodge is recognized as an accredited charity with the Better Business Bureau of Mississippi and is the only certified domestic violence shelter located in MS Highway Patrol District VI. Care Lodge is a member of the Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Family and Youth Service Bureau of Department of HHS

Through the **Street Outreach Program (SOP)**, FYSB supports work with homeless, runaway and street youth to help them find stable housing and services. SOPs focus on developing relationships between outreach workers and young people that allow them to rebuild connections with caring adults. The ultimate goal is to prevent the sexual exploitation and abuse of

Abuse on the streets.

Street outreach services include:

- Street based **education and outreach**
- Access to **emergency shelter**
- **Survival aid**
- **Treatment and coun-**

selling

- **Crisis intervention**
- **Follow-up support**



I AM NO DIFFERENT THAN YOU!!! HOMELESSNESS

Misconceptions About Those Who Are Homeless

There are so many misconceptions about those who are homeless. We here them all the time. They steal, they will hurt you, they are rapist, they are psychotic, they are con-artist just t or they are alcoholics or drug addicts just to name a few. I am pretty sure as you drive you vehicle you see them on the side of the road and you say where

did they get the pen to write that nice sign that they are holding up. Or you say every time I come through here I see the same person and he or she is not going to fool me this time. However the majority of those who are homeless do have a story and you will find out they are no different that the rest of society.

Demographic Look at the Homeless population

Single Men	44 %
Single Women	13 %
Families with Children	36 %
Unaccompanied Minors	7 %

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 — Coordinated entry: Boulder County, Colorado rolling out new system focusing on ending homelessness



On Sunday, a new system designed to end homelessness in Boulder County, Colorado will go into effect.

mental health, substance abuse or physical health issues — will be sheltered until they get housing.

Read the full story at TimesCall.com.

The system, called coordinated entry, aims to divert as many people as possible out of the system so they don't become homeless in the first place and the rest — the chronically homeless with

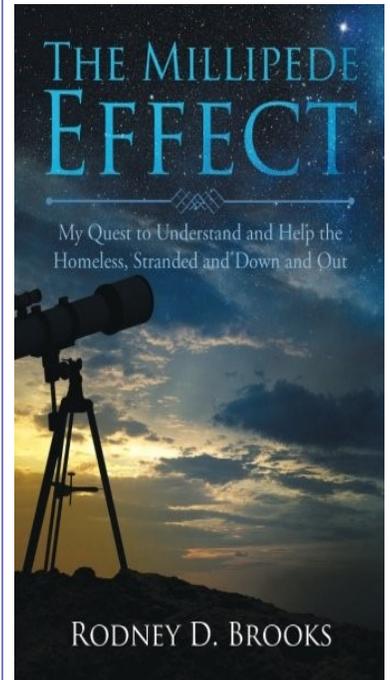
The basic idea behind coordinated entry is that anyone seeking homelessness services in Boulder County comes through one front door to be screened so agencies can work together to figure out a way to keep them off the streets, several homeless service providers said.

THE CORRELATION BETWEEN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HOMELESSNESS

When a woman leaves an abusive relationship, she often has nowhere to go. This is particularly true of women with few resources. Lack of affordable housing and long waiting lists for assisted housing mean that many women and their children are forced to choose between abuse at home or life on the streets. Moreover, shelters are frequently filled to capacity

and must turn away battered women and their children. These facts as a civilized society should be unacceptable to all of us. Let's work together to end domestic violence and homelessness. If you are someone you know is going through a domestic violence issue please call your local authorities or the National

Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)



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 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.



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 2017 and be exceptional stewards of Love!



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