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WE CARE NEWS!!!

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

BIDEN ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES MORE THAN \$3 BILLION IN FUNDING TO TACKLE HOMELESSNESS WITH VETERANS FOCUS

The Biden administration announced new actions Thursday to help prevent and reduce veteran homelessness across the country, including \$3.1 billion in funding to support efforts to quickly rehouse homeless Americans.

“These funds can be used for a wide range of critical interventions from rental assistance to supportive services to technology and data sharing,” said White House domestic policy adviser Neera Tanden, referring to the funding that will be made available through the Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Continuum of Care program.

Additional actions being announced Thursday, according to a White House fact sheet, include: \$11.5 million in funding for legal services for veterans experiencing homelessness; \$58 million worth of funding to help homeless veterans find jobs; and a new series of “boot camps” by HUD and Veterans Affairs to help VA medical centers and public housing agencies more quickly rehouse

veterans. The more than \$3 billion in funding being announced by HUD is not specifically earmarked for veterans, although it will also go toward helping veterans struggling with homelessness, according to senior administration officials.

“We like to say here that the phrase, homeless veteran, should not exist in the English language. Ending veteran homelessness has been and continues to be a top priority of the president and his relentless advocacy for that goal has led to very important investments and advancements, including robust funding,” said Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough, who added that the VA is currently on track to meet its goal of rehousing 38,000 veterans in 2023.

The VA put 40,401 homeless veterans into permanent housing last year with 2,443 of them returning to homelessness at some point that same year, according to the VA.

While Thursday’s actions focus on the issue of homelessness for veterans administration officials hope that progress made in rehousing former service members will help improve efforts to tackle the issue for all Americans experiencing homelessness.

“Homelessness is a challenge we face as a nation. But most importantly, it is a solvable one,” Tanden told reporters, adding: “There are so many lessons there, that can help us tackle this problem for all Americans.”



FEDERAL POLICY ON HOMELESSNESS BECOMES NEW TARGET OF THE RIGHT

The bipartisan approach that has dominated federal homelessness policy for more than two decades is under growing conservative attack.

The policy directs billions

of dollars to programs that provide homeless people with permanent housing and offer — but do not require them to accept — services like treatment for mental illness or drug abuse. The approach, called Housing poverty, the research offers

First, has been the subject of extensive study and expanded under presidents as different as George W. Bush and Barack Obama. President Biden’s homelessness plan makes Housing First its

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SPOT LIGHT— GLORY HOUSE GLOBAL OUTREACH

The Beginning

The Glory House came into existence when Grant & Hope Staples moved home to Laurel, MS and began praying about how God could use a house so strategically placed to serve a community. After lots of prayer and many circumstances shifting into place, their prayers were answered with the purchase of this home. Formerly, the old "Laurel Inn," the house was vacant for seven years, and they are the seventh family to own the house since its construction in 1907.

The Mission

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." Matthew 5:16

The Glory House offers various services and ministry facets for anyone who desires to serve others as well as those in need of love and caring. The Glory House simply brings the goodness of God to those in its reach. ESL classes, community meals, community service projects, classes for better living, and

blessing others is our priority. There's so much to be done and plenty of opportunities to give, serve and support.

The Glory House is a non-profit 501 C3 missionary organization dedicated to reaching the unreached.

In addition to our PayPal option above, tax deductible donations

Recently closed Charlesgate nursing home will become a homeless shelter for up to 57 families

AP—Providence Rhode Island The state Department of Housing announced on Friday that the recently closed Charlesgate Nursing Center in Providence will be used as a homeless shelter for dozens of families.

The state said Amos House, a local service for those experiencing homelessness, already started moving 21 families into the facility this week from extended-stay hotels. Up to 57 rooms will be available spanning three floors.

"We are actively working to ex-

pand our shelter system, and this property will enable us to serve more Rhode Island families going forward," said Housing Secretary Stefan Pryor. "We have seen a substantial increase in the number of unhoused families who need assistance," Hayes said. "The move to Charlesgate will allow us to provide shelter to a greater number of families, ensuring that children and parents have safe and supportive housing while we address their long-term needs."

In the meantime, the state said it's still looking for bidders on a request for proposals "for operating emergency shelters, conducting homeless outreach, providing case management services, making rent payments through rapid rehousing programs, or pursuing other related projects." More than \$9.5 million is being made available for that work.

Amy Russo, The Providence Journal

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cornerstone and cites it a dozen times. But Housing First has become a conservative epithet. Republican lawmakers, backed by conservative think tanks and programs denied funding by Housing First rules, want to loosen the policy's grip on federal dollars. While supporters say that housing people without preconditions saves lives by getting them off the streets,

critics say it ignores clients' underlying problems and want to shift funding to groups like rescue missions that demand sobriety or employment. Some even blame Housing First for the growth in homelessness. Senator J.D. Vance, Republican of Ohio, used two recent hearings to argue that Housing First ignores the root causes of homelessness. The Cicero Institute, a Texas policy

group, is promoting model state legislation that bars Housing First programs from receiving state funds. A documentary it produced with PragerU, a conservative advocacy group, cuts between critiques of Housing First and footage of people living in tents on the street and shots of drug use.

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— WHITE HOUSE AND USICH LAUNCH ALL INSIDE INITIATIVE TO TACKLE UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS

Today, the White House and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) will launch ALL INside, a first-of-its kind initiative to address unsheltered homelessness across the country. ALL INside is a key part of All In: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, which set a bold goal to reduce homelessness 25% by 2025 and ultimately build a country where every person has a safe and affordable home. USICH and our 19 federal member

agencies will partner with state and local governments for up to two years to strengthen and accelerate local efforts to help people move off the streets and into homes where they can recover from the trauma of homelessness and rebuild their lives. Ambassador Susan Rice, the White House director of domestic policy; Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Denis McDonough, the chair of USICH; and USICH Executive Director Jeff Olivet will launch ALL INside during a

public event in Washington, D.C., with local leaders, including: California Secretary Lourdes Castro Ramirez; Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass; Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego; Mesa Mayor John Giles; Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell; King County Executive Dow Constantine; Dallas Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn King; and Chicago Deputy Mayor Jennifer Johnson.

QUADRIPELEGIC HOMELESS WOMAN WHO LED SACRAMENTO ACTIVISTS FINALLY MOVES INTO HOUSING

Holly Porter, the quadriplegic homeless woman who inspired and co-founded the first sanctioned, self-governed encampment in Sacramento County, moved into a Meadowview apartment Thursday following months of vociferous lobbying for local authorities to secure a permanent home for her.

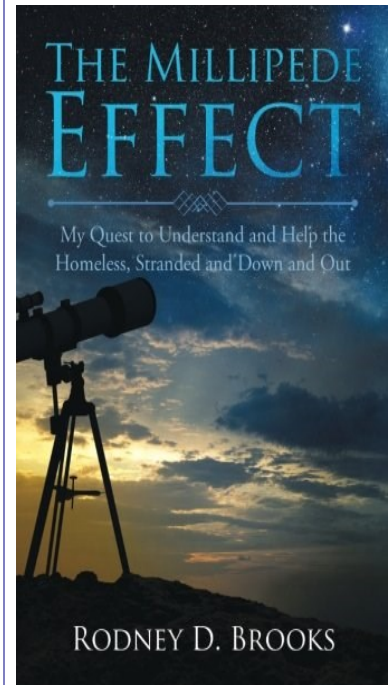
For 10 months, Porter and her neighbors at Camp Resolution had repeatedly called on Sacramento leaders to house her; Porter and her family had ac-

tively sought housing for a year and a half. “I’m very excited,” Porter said, sitting in her wheelchair in the sunny ground-floor unit Thursday afternoon, “but I just don’t think it’s actually sunk in yet.”

After months of delays, she had only just allowed herself to feel happy at the prospect of life indoors.

Porter had been living at Camp Resolution, an encampment on Colfax Street and Arden Way

in Old North Sacramento. She and around 60 other residents won a formal lease from the city this spring, guaranteeing they wouldn’t be evicted from the site. Though the city has provided trailers, the camp has neither running water nor a connection to the electric grid. Additionally, the search for housing and all the attendant bureaucratic hurdles had taken up a significant amount of Porter’s time and energy. “I don’t plan on staying in here just because I’m indoors,” she said.



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*A Heritage of Excellence
in Helping Others!!!*



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 2022 and be exceptional stewards of Love!



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