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# WE CARE NEWS!!!

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



## **FANNIE MAE JOHNSON ELECTED AS CITY COUNCILWOMAN FOR THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MS**

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Fannie Mae Johnson

In our last issue we brought you a story in our Spotlight section of a food shelter with a unique name and spirit that has been permeating the Meridian, MS area for decades. The place is named L.O.V.E.S Kitchen, which stands for Lauderdale Outreach and Volunteer Effort and its dynamic and charismatic director is Ms. Fannie Mae Johnson. Ms. Johnson shows that it is not just a job for her but a commitment to help those who need help. Ms. Johnson announced her intentions to run for City Council in the city of Meridian. She was described as a Politician that will look out for the interest of the homeless, stranded and down & out. Ms. Johnson and L.O.V.E.s Kitchen was recently featured with Chef Rushion McDonald on

the Steve Harvey Show. On June 5, 2017, Ward 3 overwhelmingly responded to Ms. Johnson campaign by casting 82% of the vote towards her.

Johnson said that many of her plans may be unrealistic but narrows her focus on preventing these problems at the beginning, especially issues that affect the homeless population.

"Things that would prevent the homeless population from growing," Johnson said. "I would love for L.O.V.E.'s Kitchen to not be needed."

Johnson said she drew not only on her experience with L.O.V.E.'s Kitchen but also her experience as a civil service senior administrator with the military.

City Councilwoman



## **WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?**

### **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.





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## **SPOT LIGHT—ASLANe’S MISSION**

A difference maker in the community - ASLANe's Mission (formerly The People's Charity Clinic) is a non-profit 501(c)3. ASLANe's Mission is dedicated to the Assertive Social re-integration of those individuals living in homelessness in A Loving And Nurturing environment (ASLANe). Through aggressive advocacy, social welfare work, and sharing the LOVE of Christ, we build relationships that will make real life changes.

What do THEY do? They plug the holes that are left by other agencies, in the lives of those living in disparity.

Please mail donations to ASLANe's Mission, 1011 62nd Ave S, Meridian, MS 39307 or drop them by the Thrift Store located at 4900 Poplar Springs Drive, in the Broadmoor Shopping Center—601-531-3176



**A difference maker in the City of Meridian, MS**

### **WHO AND WHAT IS HHS? US DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Taken from the HHS Website at <https://www.hhs.gov/programs/social-services/homelessness/index.html>

HHS is the United States government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and supporting the delivery of essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves. As such, the delivery of treatment and services to persons experiencing homeless is included in the activities of

the Department. The coordination of these services, both within the Department, as well as with our Federal partners who provide housing and complementary service programs, is a critical component of achieving the goal of preventing and ending homelessness.

The [U. S. Interagency Council on Homelessness](#) (USICH) coordinates the Federal response to homelessness by

partnering with 19 Federal agencies, state and local governments, advocates, service providers, and people experiencing homelessness to achieve the goals outlined in the first Federal strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness,

### **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

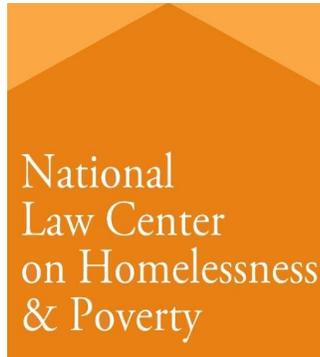
as well he walks us through what the various religions say about each individual of faith and their role in being a part of the solution. The book can be ordered through [Authorhouse Publishing](http://bookstore.authorhouse.com/Products/SKU-001092211/The--Millipede-Effect.aspx) at <http://bookstore.authorhouse.com/Products/SKU-001092211/The--Millipede-Effect.asp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

### Work on The Street — National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty Hosts National Forum on Human Right to Housing, June 6-7



The National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty will hosted a policy forum to support its newly-launched Housing Not Handcuffs national campaign, which fights against the criminalization of homelessness and for ensuring people have access to affordable housing. The forum was held June 6-7 in Washington, DC. The forum included discussion on a

number of important topics, from the intersectional forms of discrimination that result in the criminalization of homelessness to the models of advocacy that are succeeding in cities and counties across the country. Diane Yentel, NLIHC president and CEO, and Elayne Weiss, NLIHC senior policy analyst, were keynote speakers at the event.

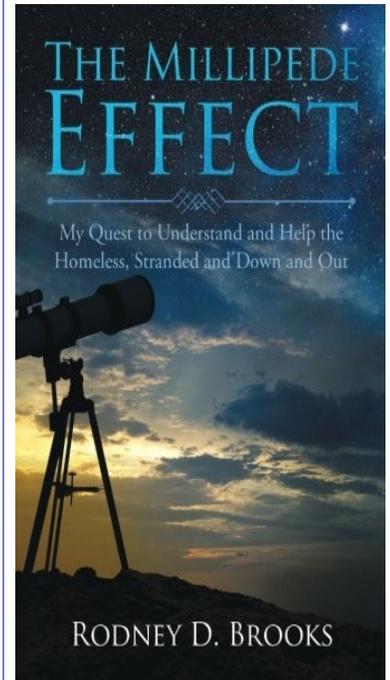


## THE CORRELATION BETWEEN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HOMELESSNESS

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)



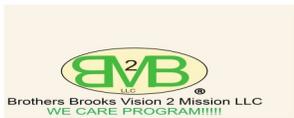
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Give them a hand  
not the boot



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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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