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WE CARE NEWS!!!

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

THE ROLE OF RELIGION IN HELPING THE HOMELESS, STRANDED AND DOWN & OUT

Various religions have made it a center piece of they should treat strangers and those who are done out. A universal principle in most religions is what we call the golden rule. Here are a few examples: **Christianity**— “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” (Luke 6:31) **Confucianism**— “Do not to others what you would not like yourself. Then there will be no resentment against you, either in the family or in the state.” (Analect 12:2) **Buddhism**— “Hurt not others in way that your yourself would find hurtful.” (Udana-Varga 5,1) **Hinduism**— “This the sum of duty; do naught onto other what you not have them do unto you.” (Mahabbharata 5,1517) **Islam**— “No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself.” (Sunnah) **Judaism**— “What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellowman. The is the entire Law, all the

rest is commentary.” (Talmud, Shabbat 3id) **Taoism**— “Regard your neighbors gain as your gain, and your neighbor’s loss as your own loss.” (Tai Shang Kan Yin P’ien) **Zoroastrianism** - “That nature alone is good which refrains from another whatsoever is not good for itself” (Dadisten-Idiik, 94,5).

Based upon this snapshot of several different religions and using the Golden Rule as a foundation, it is apparent that most religious people want to help those need and that they have compassion for those individuals

In Christianity a questions was asked of Jesus what was the greatest commandment and Jesus replied “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul , and with all your mind.. This is the first and the greatest commandment. The second is like it. Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself, on these two command-

ments hand all the laws and the prophets on them.” (Matthew 22:36-40)

Now the question becomes who is my neighbor? Your neighbor is anyone that you come in contact that you can help, encourage, improve and acknowledge them as an individual. In other words that is everyone. So when we look a the homeless, stranded and down & out we must realize that they are our neighbors regardless of race, sex, national origin, ethnicity, color or any other divisional factors that man has come up with.



TOP 10 CITIES WITH THE MOST HOMELESS

As one would probably figure the larger the city more than likely the more homeless people you may find. However that is not always the case Here are he top to most populated cities: 1. New York 2. Los Angeles 3. Chicago 4. Houston 5. Phoenix 6. Philadelphia 7. San Antonio 8. San

Diego 9. Dallas 10. San Jose. Here is the list of the top 10 cities with the most homeless: 10. Philadelphia 9. Las Vegas 8. Boston 7. San Jose & Santa Clara 6. San Francisco 5. District of Columbia 4. San Diego 3. Seattle 2. Los Angeles 1. New York

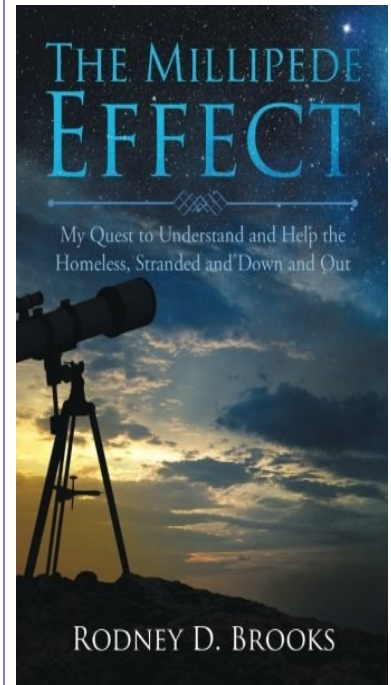


NEW BOOK RELEASE: THE MILLIPEDE EFFECT

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/>



HOMELESS
Give them a hand
not the boot

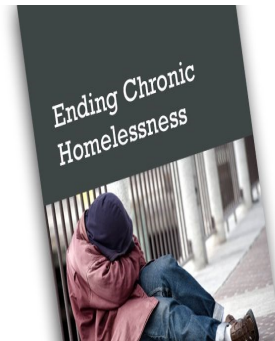
Word on The Street — What is Chronic Homelessness



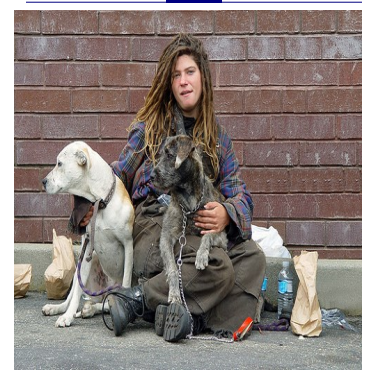
According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, 23 percent of homeless people are [reported as chronically homeless](#). According to HUD's definition, a person who is "chronically homeless" is an unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition (e.g., substance abuse, serious mental illness, develop-

disability, or chronic physical illness) who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more, or has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years. In order to be considered chronically homeless, a person must have been sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation and/or in an

emergency homeless shelter.



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STATISTICS ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

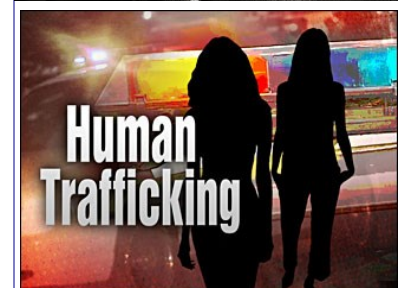
According to the U.S. State Department, 600,000 to 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders every year, of which 80% are female and half are children.

Human trafficking is the third largest international crime industry (behind illegal drugs and arms trafficking). It reportedly generates a profit of \$32 billion every year. Of that number,

\$15.5 billion is made in industrialized countries. The International Labour Organization estimates that women and girls represent the largest share of forced labor victims with 11.4 million trafficked victims (55%) compared to 9.5 million (45%) men

This silent epidemic has come after our teens with a vengeance and it is definitely praying

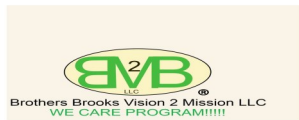
on those youth who are runaways and who find themselves into a life homelessness. Being vigilant is key and it takes all to truly get involved to save our children.



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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 2018 and be exceptional stewards of Love!



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