

10 THINGS YOU CAN DO



To Help Prevent and End Homelessness in Greater Richmond:

1. **Read the *Ten Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in the Richmond Region*.** (Available at www.homewardva.org)
2. **Advocate for the creation or expansion of well-managed housing options** for people with low incomes in Greater Richmond.
3. **Fund programs that have good and consistent results for people in crisis.**
4. **Call Homeward to invite a speaker** to your civic, neighborhood, business or religious gatherings to give an update on homelessness in Greater Richmond. (804-343-2045)
5. **Volunteer your time or talent** with organizations that serve people in crisis.
6. **Use the following phone numbers to get or give help:**
 - a. **648-4177** Central Intake Service for Single Adults – comprehensive intake and referral for area shelter programs and related services to meet the needs of adult men and women unaccompanied by children.
 - b. **291-9083** Central Intake Service for Families – comprehensive intake and referral for area shelter programs and related services to meet the needs of families.
 - c. **211 Virginia** – always toll free call for utilities/rent/mortgage and other human and social service assistance (Call “211” – just like dialing 411)
7. **Please do not give money to panhandlers.** Some panhandlers on the streets are not homeless. It is much better to give your money to programs that help people in crisis return to stability.
8. **Show compassion to people who are experiencing homelessness.** Most men, women and children who fall into the crisis of homelessness are traumatized and embarrassed by the experience. Like you, they never thought it would happen to them.
9. **Recognize that change is difficult, but possible.** Think about how you can be a change agent in our community.
10. **Find out more.** Whether you are a policy maker, a student, an executive, a tradesperson or stay-at-home parent, learn more about this issue and our region’s unified vision for preventing and ending homelessness at www.homewardva.org