

Why Homeless & Hungry?

One of the main reasons H&H was created was to expose mission work possibilities **in our own backyard**. One of the criticisms of mission trips and events has been that we are quick to serve people in places different than our own but seldom take care of those in our own communities. **Because of this, H&H was birthed**. At the core, this youth-driven event encourages participants to step into the shoes of a homeless person—to go without food or shelter for 30 hours. **The only shelter they are allowed to have is that of a cardboard box**. There are no luxury items allowed—no pillows, no electronic devices, no toothbrushes, no deodorant, and no food. Homeless & Hungry is attempting to take this community by storm, all churches, schools, businesses, and individuals. This event is about THE CHURCH coming together to help “the least of these.” **If we don’t stand up to make a difference and change this world, then who will?**



“Being hungry, cold, and tired are good. Without them we cannot appreciate being full, warm and rested. God is working with me. I am inspired to do more for those with less.”

Rory Beil, 2006 H&H Participant

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October 15-16, 2011

“The mission of Homeless & Hungry is to empower people to raise awareness for homelessness, to financially assist shelters and their partnering entities, and to change the hearts of participants and sponsors to serve as God’s hands and feet.”

Homeless & Hungry is a movement for participants of all ages!

How to Help

PARTICIPATE:

Those choosing to participate in the event agree to:

1. Fast for 30 hours.
2. Participate in the event from start to finish.
3. Aim to raise a minimum of \$365 (finding 12 sponsors for \$30 each is a great place to start).



SPONSOR:

Here are ways in which you can sponsor Homeless & Hungry:

1. Sponsor the event or an individual participant financially. Sponsorships can be made online at www.homelessandhungry.org.
2. Sponsors can make a financial contribution by cash or by check. (Make checks payable to "Homeless & Hungry" with the name of the person being sponsored in the memo).
3. Be a prayer sponsor, vitally important for our success. We humbly ask that you please pray for us throughout the event.

VOLUNTEER:

Volunteers are needed throughout the event for both large-group activities and at each host site.

1. Please sign up to volunteer at www.homelessandhungry.org.
2. You will be placed according to your preferences for service. Check with your church/host site.

We want YOU to participate!

Are you up for the challenge? Are you feeling called to this powerful mission?

There is a serious poverty situation right in our backyard. We don't have to travel hundreds or thousands of miles to find people going without shelter or food.

They're right here. It's about time we start taking care of them!

ANYONE can participate in the Homeless & Hungry event. All youth, college-aged folks, adults, families, and everyone in-between are welcome for this amazing outreach.



HOW TO SIGN UP:

If you want to get involved as a participant, volunteer, or make a donation, check us out at www.homelessandhungry.org or contact your church leaders.

WHERE:

Different churches, businesses, and schools will be hosting Homeless & Hungry. There will be large-group events that will bring all participants together as well. For a complete list of host sites, go to homelessandhungry.org.

WHEN:

October 15-16th, 2011

Event starts: Saturday, October 16, noon
at the host site of your choice -
see website for details.

Event finishes: October 17, 7:00 p.m.,
at the Fargo North High School



In the last five years:

Homeless & Hungry has raised over \$630,000, collected over 100,000 pounds of food, assembled nearly 1,000 fleece blankets, and has helped to make this community more aware of the plight of those who are homeless & hungry.

Local facts:

- On any given day, approximately **1000 people** are estimated to be homeless in the Metro.
- Almost 80% of the homeless population in the F-M area have a high school education or GED.
- 93% of the long term homeless population report having a mental illness, substance abuse disorder, or chronic health problem.
- **Veterans make up 36%** of the homeless males in Fargo.
- 1/3 of the women in sheltered locations **have at least one child with them.**
- F-M homeless rates since 2000 have risen over 77 percent.



The shelters supported by H&H:

Churches United for the Homeless
Dorothy Day House
New Life Center
YWCA
Youthworks
Gladys Ray Shelter
Stepping Stones Resource Center