Homeless & ReEntry Helpers, Inc.



Outreach Team

Welcome to HHOOT's Monthly Meeting (Helpers Helping Others Outreach Team)

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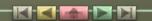
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Homeless & ReEntry Resource Center

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God & Country:

- ➤ We like to start our meetings by acknowledging God and Country. I know it may seem old fashion, but please bear with some of us old folks while we recite the:
 - The Lord's Prayer
 - The Pledge of Allegiance
- > HRH & HHOOT are Christian organizations but all faiths are always welcome here.
- ➤ If you are of another faith, and wish to pray with us, or, for us, please do so.
- Thank you and may God continue to bless us all, and the United States of America.

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- Our Lord's Prayer (As per Matthew & Luke):
 - Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 - Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
 - on earth as it is in heaven.
 - Give us this day our daily bread.
 - Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
 - who trespass against us.
 - And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 - For thine is the kingdom,
 - the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen
- Our Pledge of Allegiance (June 14th, 1954):
 - I pledge allegiance to the flag
 - of the United States of America,
 - and to the Republic for which it stands:
 - one Nation under God, indivisible,
 - With liberty and justice for all.



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Before I introduce you to our other HHOOT members, I would like tell you a little bit about HRH:

HRH was formed in August of 2008 (HHOOT in March of 2011) to develop an information and referral data base (Community Resource Center) that lists goods and services to the Homeless & ReEntry Industry that could benefit persons in need, and those organizations that HELP those persons in need.

Initially, HRH supplied our industry with:

- 1) Our All-in-One Web Site (listing over 1,475 organizations);
- Our Industry Newsletter (sent to over 4,750 emails weekly);

We then introduced Helpers Helping Others Outreach Team (HHOOT):

- 3) A Network of Volunteers, Teachers, Tutors & Mentors;
- HHOOT's Diner a place to feed & clothe the Homeless (Now open 6 days a week) 4)

Next, we are planning:

- A Community & Service Provider Bulletin Board (HRH's Forum) (pending); 5)
- A Network of Housing (done, check web site) & Job Suppliers (pending); 6)
- A Transitional Housing Unit for those that have graduated from Support Programs; 7)
- A HHOOT Safe-Haven Center (night rooms for the homeless); 8)
- 9) A Conference & Training Center for the Homeless, ReEntry & Veterans Industry; 4



Information on Where to Get Information

- Homeless & ReEntry Helpers
 - Indy's Homeless & ReEntry Helpers Resource Center
 www.IndyHelpers.com Walk-in's Welcome M-F from 10 AM to 4 PM
- Connect2Help Dial 2-1-1
 - Dial 2-1-1 or 317-926-4357, 24 hours a day (free & confidential)
 www.Connect2Help.org
- CHIP's Handbook of Help for the Homeless
 - To get your copy call 317-630-0853 or visit
 www.CHIPindy.org
- CICOA's Resource Guide for Seniors,
 Persons with Disabilities and Family Caregivers
 - To get your copy call 317-254-3660www.cicoa.org



HRH's Domain Names:

- www.lndyHelpers.com | www. HHOOT.com
- Because most people that are homeless or that are in and out of our prisons and jails do not have access to the internet (other than the library), HRH's web site is designed to be used by members of their families, case workers, specialists, service providers, probation & parole officers, volunteers, teachers, tutors, mentors, businesses, pastors, chaplains & HELPERS of all kinds.
- ➤ HRH now has "Support Coaches" that are available Monday thru Friday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM to help those in need. Walk-in's are always welcome.



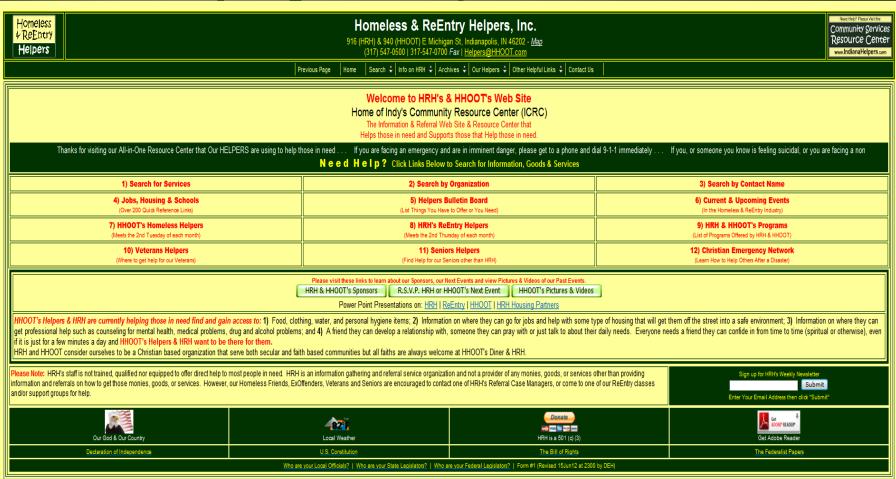
The seven most important components needed by every Homeless & ReEntry person required to keep them off the streets and/or from returning to prison/jail:

- 1) Housing A place to go, and/or to come home to
 - With family members, friends, shelters, hotels, transitional & supportive housing, etc.
- 2) Jobs/Employment Full or part time
 - Training, re-training, continuing education & placement for better paying jobs –
 They should have their G.E.D., and they must have an updated resume.
- 3) Professional Support (counseling and/or treatment for)
 - Substance abuse, medical problems, mental health, anger management, self-esteem
 & character building, financial management, and sometimes legal help, etc.
- 4) Family and/or Mentor Support (faith or community based)
 - Relationships and/or reunification everyone needs someone they can depend on and talk to.
- 5) Transportation -
 - Bus passes, used autos, gas money, share ride programs
- 6) Basic needs stuff like -
 - Food, clothes, hygiene items, medicine, mailing address, email service, a cell phone, driver's license or state ID, Social Security Card, etc.
- 7) Information like what HRH's web site (access to the internet) or 2-1-1 has to offer
 - They need to be able to find goods and services for themselves and/or find service providers, case workers, parole & probation officers and mentors that can help them obtain the above important components.

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Please Note:

- ➤ HRH is an information gathering and referral service organization and not a provider of any monies, goods, or services other than providing information and referrals on how to get those monies, goods, or services.
- > HRH's staff is not trained, qualified nor equipped to offer direct help to most people in need.
- When someone calls or stops by HRH's offices, HRH's Support Coaches will refer them to service providers that we believe are trained, qualified and equipped to offer them the help they need.



If You Are A Provider of Services -

to those in our industry, we ask that you share yourself and your organization's information with those that search our web site for the goods, services and information that they will need to help them succeed.

> To be listed on HRH's web site:

Please visit our web site and click on the "Helpers Sign-Up" link at the top or the bottom of each page, then just follow the instructions.

 You will be assigned a "log-in" and "password" so you can have access to your file at any time, day or night, from any computer, anywhere.









HRH & HHOOT's Vision is to:

Bring Businesses, Government,
Volunteers, Street Outreach,
Street Ministries & Service Providers
together to better serve
our Homeless, our Seniors, our Veterans,
and Offenders & ExOffenders
that are in & out of our Prisons & Jails.



HHOOT's Primary Purpose...

- Is ensure that all the homeless persons we can find, have access to:
 - 1. Food, water, clothing, and personal hygiene items;
 - Information on where they can get help with some type of housing that will get them off the street into a safe environment, such as shelters, transitional and supportive housing, etc.;
 - 3. Information on where they can get professional help such as counseling for mental health, medical problems, drug and alcohol addictions, etc., and;
 - 4. Someone they can start to develop a relationship with. Someone they can pray with or just talk to about their daily needs. Everybody needs a friend that they can confide in from time to time (spiritual or otherwise), even if it is just for a few minutes.



HHOOT's Primary Goal...

- ➤ Is to bring together, educate, train and organize, as a TEAM, all new and existing volunteers, street outreach, street ministries, and service providers that work with, or want to work with, members of our homeless and reentry community in Indianapolis.
- Is for those TEAM Members to collectively abide by a set of guidelines that we, as a TEAM, have set for ourselves and our HELPERS.
- "Bringing It All Together for the Homeless" in a way that will be helpful and not hurtful.





Chart showing how a HRH's Non-Profit Companies, in Partnership with, the Public (city & county) & Private Sector (investors) Can Help End Homelessness.

Homeless & ReEntry Helpers, Inc. (HRH) | Serving the Homeless, ExOffenders, Veterans & Our Seniors. Information & Referral Services include: Web Site, Web Site Print-Outs, Email Newsletters, & Bulletin Board. A Conference & Training Center for the Non-Profit Industry for Meetings, Classes & Case Management.

HRHD HRH Development Corp.

Low-income housing for Homeless & ReEntry industry. Buys surplus properties from several non-profit programs. Sells, holds, leases, rents, and manages properties for **HRH's Housing Partners (HRHHP)**

HHOOT's Housing

Form a collation of businesses & churches to sponsor long-term supportive housing for those in need

HRHI

Hawkins Rebuilds Homes, Inc.

Create jobs by Refurbishing (rehab) surplus properties

HHOOT's Safe-Haven Center

Provide a safe over-night environment where the homeless can get food, fellowship & info. (pre-shelters for building relationships)

Helpers Helping Others

HHOOT

Outreach Team, Inc.

A collation of street outreach, street ministries & existing service providers that work directly with the homeless

HHOOT's House

Transitional Housing for those graduating from Support Groups

HHOOT's Diner

Feeds, clothes & helps those in need





We Need To Learn From Yours and Other Organizations:

At each HHOOT meeting we will ask at least two or three service providers to make presentations to Our HELPERS that will inform and educate us on what they do and how we can help each other better serve the homeless.

We need to know "what to look for" while we are out there!

- Below are some "Topics" that we need to learn about that will benefit Our HELPERS in helping the homeless.
 - Emergency Shelters for: Homeless Men, Women, Children & Teens
 - Drug, Alcohol & Anger Management Counselors
 - Veteran & Senior Information
 - Medical & Mental Health Assistance
 - Food, Clothing, Personal Hygiene Items, Transitional Housing, etc.₂₀





My Introduction Notes to HHOOT (1 of 8):

- Our Differences Volunteers, service providers, street outreach, and street ministry people need to set aside, our differences, our arrogance, our egos, our political affiliations, our differences in faith, color, or creed, and start working together to help our homeless friends.
- We Know That Homelessness has no respect for age, sex, color, creed, religion, or political affiliation and that homeless people are everywhere. We know that some of us may just be one or two paychecks away from being homeless ourselves.
- Not Everyone Wants Help We are aware that no matter what we do, there will always be those that will not "come in" from the streets for any reason, at least for now, no matter what we offer them, but that does not mean that we will not try, again and again to offer them help while they are out there.



My Introduction Notes to HHOOT (2 of 8):

- > Sharing Resources We need to start combining our "soft assets" such as: time, talent, experience, and knowledge to better serve our brothers and sisters on the streets.
 - While at the same time, everyone keeping their own identity and their "hard assets" such as money, food & supplies.
- Working Together Coordinating our schedules and the locations we serve should be one of our top priorities.
 - We have too many street outreach groups going to the same location, and not enough going to other locations.
- > By working together as a unified and organized team, I believe we can help solve some of the problems of the homeless that will eventually get them off the streets into a safer environment.
 - From there, they can work with professional service providers that can help them obtain the goods and services they will need to get back on their feet, and in time, get into permanent housing.

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My Introduction Notes to HHOOT (3 of 8):

- As street outreach volunteers (Our HELPERS) we need to learn how to help the homeless in a way that truly helps them, not harms them like some of the press has picked up on, making the word "Enablers" a dirty word.
- ➤ Have some of us done things that have been harmful in the past? I'm sure we have in some peoples eyes, but that also depends on who you ask. If you ask the homeless, most will say no; but if you ask the professional service providers, some will say yes.
 - We have heard that beauty is in the eyes of the beholder, well I submit to you that so is HELP. When you are the one that is needing the HELP, you really don't care when and where that help comes from.





My Introduction Notes to HHOOT (4 of 8):

- As always, there is a right way and a wrong way to do just about everything; and helping the homeless is no exception. We, collectively, need to figure out the way that works best here in Indy.
 - Most of us are not really qualified or trained to help the homeless in ways they may need most, except spiritually of course. Most of you have that covered, but if we are going to truly offer them the help they need, we need to learn how to do it right, and more importantly "what to look for" when we are trying to help them.
- Our "Primary Job" is about building relationships, both secular and spiritual, and we need to make sure that we collectively try and stick to our "Primary Goal" of helping the homeless get all the help and information they need.



My Introduction Notes to HHOOT (5 of 8):

- ➤ The homeless we serve need to know they can trust us to do the right thing for them.
- We need to be able to identify their problems, and help them get the help they need.
- We know that most of them need help from professional service providers that can offer them a holistic approach to their specific set of problems, and hopefully our training should enable us to help direct most of them to the service providers that can best help them.
- We need to learn why we **should not** take them things like mattresses, firewood, butane burners & tanks, kerosene heaters, candles, food they can not open, etc.
- We also need to learn that we should not go to "their house" or "their camp" and set up a diner especially uninvited!



My Introduction Notes to HHOOT (6 of 8):

- Our Community Needs You We believe that the more volunteers (we call Our HELPERS) that are properly trained and organized, the better we can help existing service providers, which in turn, can better help our homeless friends.
- We Believe that with the addition of our new team members, we can provide enough trained HELPERS to achieve the City's and CHIP's goal in a shorter period of time for less money.
- ▶ Indy's Team Members The homeless need the coordination of four different groups (Teams), three of which are now working together. CHIP, the City, and several service providers. They have started the process but they need help and that's why HHOOT was formed, to help organize that 4th team!



Indy's Homeless Response Team (7 of 8)

Group 1
City Government
Leadership & Support
CHIP

City's Lead Agency

Government Funding

Group 2
Professional Service Providers
M/C Health Department,
Horizon House, HIP, HVAF, & VA
Provides Direct Services, Goods,
Outreach & Case Management

Group 3
Housing Providers
Wheeler Type Shelters

Provides Shelters, Transitional,& Supportive HousingPublic & Private Funding

Group 4
Helpers Helping Others Outreach Team
HHOOT's Steering Committee
Coordinates Participating Street
Outreach, Street Ministries,
Churches & Service Providers



My Introduction Notes to HHOOT (8 of 8):

- The City & CHIP Can Not Do It All If there is any single thing we have already learned, it is that no one group, including our city government, can do it all themselves. They need the help of an organized team of community Volunteers (Our HELPERS) that are willing to work with the city as a Unified Team that can "Bring It All Together For The Homeless", as well as for our community.
- More Money It would be nice if the city had more money to solve all the problems for the homeless but they don't, and the homeless can not wait until the economy gets better. Volunteers working as HELPERS are needed to make up the difference.

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Enabler (1 of 2) (a term with a double meaning):

- 1. As a positive term, it references patterns of interaction which allow individuals to develop and grow. These may be on any scale, for example within the family, or in wider society as "Enabling acts" designed to empower some group, or create a new authority for a (usually governmental) body.
- 2. In a negative sense, enabling is also used in the context of problematic behavior, to signify dysfunctional approaches that are intended to help but in fact may perpetuate a problem. A common theme of enabling in this latter sense is that third parties take responsibility, blame, or make accommodations for a person's harmful conduct (often with the best of intentions, or from fear or insecurity which inhibits action). The practical effect is that the person themselves does not have to do so, and is shielded from awareness of the harm it may do, and the need or pressure to change. It is a major environmental cause of addiction.



Enabler (2 of 2) :

- HHOOT's version of the word "enabler", is to help someone obtain food, clothing, shelter, information, and a friend (relationship) with someone they know cares about them; so they can make it to the next day, enabling them to have a chance to develop and grow again.
 - Facing homelessness is and has always been one of societies ongoing problems. As Christians, the bottom line is, we will always be there to help those in need until this problem has been resolved, no matter which definition of Enabler you use!
- Jesus tells us to LOVE one another so we do. Jesus tells us to HELP one another so we do.
 - Until the City and CHIP have "all" of our homeless friends off the streets of Indianapolis, we as Christians and HELPERS will honor HIS requests first.



Introduction to HHOOT's Safe-Haven Centers (proposed 1 of 2)

- ➤ HRH plans to provide a safe place where the homeless can get some sleep and/or get limited help until they decide to move into a shelter or some other type of housing that will get them off the streets.
 - No questions asked as long as they register, are orderly, and are considerate
 of others, and the facility.
 - Everyone will be welcome; men, women, teens & families w/children.
- Restrooms, phones | No showers | No washers & dryers
- Limited clothing, food, drinks and snacks
- Very Limited information on medical & mental health officials
- Very Limited information on drug & alcohol counselors
- Limited info on how and where to get jobs & housing
- Information on how and where to get everything else
- Unlimited friends & spiritual help from our loving HELPERS
 - Rules, regulations, staffing, hours, funding, etc. are still to be worked out. – No time table has been established for this project.





Introduction to HHOOT's Safe-Haven Centers (proposed 2 of 2)

- ➤ These Centers could be funded (snacks, drinks, furnishings, utilities, insurance, rent, etc.) and staffed/managed by local volunteers and churches. At this time it is estimated that these Centers will be open approximately 12 to 14 hours per day.
- HHOOT's HELPERS would be responsible for getting various service providers (medical, mental health counselors, etc.) by there at least two times per week to talk to them to see what they needed to get them off the streets of Indianapolis.
- Needless to say the sponsoring churches would be able to, as Gene calls it "love on them" while they are there.
 - These services are only meant to be a "half-way" point between the streets and the shelters and are in no way meant to be a permanent solution to the homeless problem. We believe that these Centers (for short-term night stays) should work along side the services that the Horizon House offers, which can only being used during the day).

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Previous Events:

- > 1st HHOOT's Gathering in Lawrence
 - "Sermon on the Mount" was the theme
 - Saturday October 16th 2010 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 - Jenn Memorial Park, 10450 E. 63rd St. at Sunnyside in Lawrence
 - We served over 75 homeless men, women & children
 - We had over 75 volunteers that help out from several groups
- 2nd HHOOT's Gathering at Horizon Christian Fellowship
 - "Fruit of the Spirit" was the theme
 - Saturday April 30th 2011 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 - Horizon Christian Fellowship in Lawrence on 99 acres
 - We served over 230 homeless, men, women & children
 - We had over 160 volunteers that helped out from several groups



Previous Events:

- > 3rd HHOOT's Gathering
 - Joyce has chosen "Armor of God" as our theme
 - Date & Time June the 9th 2012
 - Location Horizon Christian Fellowship
 - Other church's, sponsors and in-kind contributors are always welcome to participate with HHOOT on many different levels.
 - For more information on how you can help out on our next event, please call: Joyce McCoy at 317-345-4029 or, email her <u>JoyceMccoy@Ymail.com</u>
 - Our goal is to transport as many men, women and children that we can find that are in a "homeless" status to the event for a great day of spirit renewal and fun filled activities.





Finishing Up:

- Does anyone have any questions?
- Time permitting Introduce other outreach groups & individuals that are in attendance tonight that we may have missed.
- If you would like to take an active part with HHOOT's Outreach Team and/or you would like to be a presenter at one of our upcoming meetings, please let us know.
- Make sure we have your correct contact information, especially your email address & Phone Numbers.
 - Email is the only way you will be notified of any upcoming meetings



Thanks for Coming Today.

- Our regularly scheduled meetings will be:
 - Date: The 3rd Wednesday of each month
 - Time: Networking starts at 5:30 (Meeting at 6:00) to 8:00 PM

www.IndyHelpers.com Web Site

- Place: HRH's offices at 916 E. Michigan St. 46202
- HRH's & HHOOT's Contact Information:

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