

National Hunger and Homelessness Week Update

Messiah's participation in National Hunger and Homelessness Week (Nov.13-17) brought discussion and awareness to campus about the effects of poverty in our country and world. As social workers, we are compelled to act against the plights of hunger and homelessness. We must also seek new knowledge about the issues, think critically about them, and act with conviction now and in the future as participants in creating a just and sustainable world.

Visit these websites to understand Hunger and Homelessness on a variety of levels.

Worldwide

Bread for the World
www.bread.org: A nationwide Christian movement that seeks justice for the world's hungry people by lobbying our nation's decision makers. Visit their website to find fact sheets on national and worldwide poverty, current news stories, statistics, current policies effecting poverty, and ways to get involved through letter writing campaigns,

giving, church and campus awareness raising, and the ONE campaign.

National

National Coalition for the Homeless

www.nationalhomeless.org: A national network of people who are currently experiencing or who have experienced homelessness, activists and advocates, community-based and faith-based service providers, and others committed to a single mission to end homelessness. Visit their website to find resources describing and combating homelessness, news articles portraying the reality in the US, and information about several campaigns and to get involved in.

National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness
www.nscanh.org: A campaign committed to ending hunger and homelessness in America by educating, engaging, and training students to directly meet individuals' immediate needs while advocating for long-term systemic solutions. Visit website to find out

about the passionate students advocating and helping many people all throughout the country and ways to join them.

Our Community

Central PA Food Bank
www.centralpafoodbank.org: Local food bank pursuing the mission to end hunger in the area by soliciting, warehousing, processing and distributing nutritious food and grocery products to community organizations that directly serve people who are hungry. Visit website for hunger statistics, events, and ways to donate and get involved.

Bethesda Mission
www.bethesda-mission.org: Provides food, shelter, clothing, and counseling to the men and women who come from the streets of Harrisburg. Visit the website to learn more about the many programs Bethesda has to achieve these goals. Remember the Social Work Club is making donations to this mission in the coming weeks to make sure to find out where our money is going.



Big Brother/Big Sister

WHAT: Big Brothers Big Sisters offers students the opportunity to serve as positive role models to children in the Harrisburg area. Students (called Buddies) are paired with a "Little" and given the chance to form meaningful relationships. Buddies may volunteer to mentor a Little in one of two programs.

HOW: Contact Natasha Miller – x5097

Messiah Village

WHAT: This team visits with residents of Messiah Village each week to build close friendships with the elderly on a more personal level.

HOW: Contact Alex Becker – x4325

Campus Events: Get Involved in the Messiah Community

Reconciliation and Conversation for Everyone R.A.C.E.

R.A.C.E is a student led forum that provides interested Messiah College students with a safe space to engage in dialogue on difficult-to-discuss topics related to race, ethnicity, culture and reconciliation. Its purpose is to invite students into an active and intentional dialogical, and hopefully transformative, experience which is intended to assist them to constructively participate in the process of racial reconciliation.

Contact: Office of Multicultural Programs

Support

Support Criminal Justice Students!

How: Attend Class Poster Presentations

When: Wednesday, December 6

Where: Hostetter Chapel, Room 120

Advocate

Represent Phi Alpha or the Social Work Club in MC's Student Forum next semester.

Meetings are held bi-weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 P.M.

Contact: Tia McMillen (S.G.A. Student Forum President)

Berry Hill Street Boys and Girls Club Program

WHAT: Buddies may participate Monday thru Friday from 3-6pm to help their Buddies with homework, read together, play games, go outside, do arts and crafts, and more.

HOW: Contact Natasha Miller – x5097