

Respecting Life through the Corporal Work of Mercy: Sheltering the Homeless

"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)

The August **social justice** article highlighted many factors contributing to homelessness in our communities. As a continuation of that theme, we're featuring local, state, and national efforts underway to end chronic homelessness **in the next 5 to 8 years**. These efforts demonstrate a collaborative, partner-based approach that addresses the systemic causes of homelessness to create a more just society:

- Commission to end Poverty in Minnesota by 2020: www.commissions.leg.state.mn.us/lcep/LCEP_Final_Report_SinglePgs.pdf
- Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to End Homelessness: www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset_library/Opening%20Doors%202010%20FINAL%20FSP%20Prevent%20End%20Homeless.pdf
- **Hennepin County's Office to End Homelessness:** <http://hennepin.us/headinghomehennepin>
- Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless: www.mnhomelesscoalition.org

The Great Recession's impact on homelessness is far reaching, creating greater urgency in the need to ensure everyone has a safe, stable home. The plans and partnering organizations provide many ideas for how each of us can become involved in the fight against homelessness.

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