

National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week Ideas

- **Soup and Song for the Soul**- A lunch for the hungry will offer three types of hot soup and bread along with local musical entertainment.
- **Food Drive**- radio stations have interviews with agency people who work in local shelters and food pantries to aid in increasing community awareness. Broadcasting from supermarkets where there is a place to donate food.
- **The Giving Table**-Local restaurants donate a percentage of their evening's sales from 5pm to close to area schools for supplies for the homeless children, coats, clothes, hygiene items, etc. The restaurants have at least one placemat on each table that have been made by area schools. Placemats have facts about homelessness and hunger on them.
- **Movie Night**-show movie on homelessness "The Homeless Home", or "A Walk In Your Shoes", or "Billy". Beverages and Snacks with Door Prizes from local Merchants
- Businesses can encourage employees to **abstain from lunch** for one day and collectively donate the money to local Samaritan Center
- Conduct **toy, blanket, clothing drive** for area Salvation Army, Food Pantries, Schools, etc.
- Organize a **community yard sale** with proceeds going to area homeless agencies
- Setting up **homeless information booths** in shopping malls, central business locations, libraries, churches, etc.
- Local YMCA, ARC have **free passes** to hand out to homeless families for use on a particular day/month or week
- **Camp Out**-have agencies, colleges, key members of community awareness groups visit local groups for "evening meal" and then camp out in a cardboard box for an evening
- During an event have a drawing for free hotel night stay, free dinner, free....