

Homeless Helpline
1-877-994-4357
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To Volunteer:
You can find a complete list of our providers at
www.miamidade.gov/homeless

To Sponsor an "End Homelessness"
Parking Meter:
305-375-1490

Media Contacts:
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Who is The Homeless Trust?

The Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust was formed in 1993 with the specific mission of ending homelessness in Miami-Dade County.

Our \$40,000,000 budget (Comprised of local food and beverage tax as well as federal and state funding) is used to fund local not-for-profit agencies that provide over 100 unique housing & service programs.

Nationally recognized as a best practice model to end homelessness.

Since 1993, the Homeless Trust has helped reduce street homelessness from more than 8,000 to 1,000.

We have created a "continuum of care" that includes:

- Homeless Prevention & Diversion
- Coordinated Outreach, Assessment and Placement
- Emergency, Transitional & Permanent Housing
- Supportive Services

We have developed a new model to end homelessness that rapidly places people who experience homelessness while helping to increase the supply of affordable housing and access to services in our community.

What Can You Do To Help?

Homelessness is an issue that can only be solved through the involvement of the entire community.

Volunteer:

Agencies and shelters throughout Miami-Dade need your help. Your time is just as valuable to them as your donations.

Donate Effectively:

Giving money to panhandlers may seem like a kind thing to do but there are many issues with this including:

- There's no telling what the money is used for
- It enables people to stay on the street instead of getting the help they need
- Many panhandlers are not homeless

It is far more effective to put your spare change into one of the Homeless Trust meters. 100% of monies collected in these meters are used for shelter and indoor meal programs for people experiencing homelessness. Instead of giving panhandlers your spare change, hand them a card with The Homeless Helpline number on it (1-877-994-4357). The help they need to get off the streets and into housing is available 24 hours a day when they call this number. Cards are available at shops and restaurants throughout Miami-Dade County.

Stop Street Feedings:

Feeding people on the street may seem helpful. It is important, however, to deploy your generosity in a way that has the most impact and in a way that does not encourage people to stay on the street or create trash in our environment. Providing meals in indoor settings linked to social services is a much more dignified community response. To participate in an indoor meal program that is affiliated with The Homeless Trust, please call the Homeless Helpline.

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