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Homelessness in Indy

It is time for a Public/Private Partnership to Build a Secular Homeless Shelter and / or for the city to allow Safe Homeless Camp Sites for our Homeless and Mentally Ill Citizens in Indianapolis.

We Need:

- 1) 150 plus bed Secular Shelter for Indy’s Homeless and those with Mental Health Issues**
 (will include a separate wing with 25 temporary beds for homeless Veterans); **and,**
- 2) City-Recognized (hopefully) Extended-Stay Camp Sites for the Chronic Homeless**

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I Love Indianapolis, but I am Ashamed of Indianapolis.

Dear fellow Hoosier:

The time has come for us as a community to start working together to secure safe locations in or near (within a two-mile square) the heart of downtown Indy (not out of town) for our chronically homeless and mentally ill. They are our fellow citizens, and they should be able to live, work and go to school without the fear of being harassed, moved around, bullied, and belittled just because there are currently homeless and going thru some hard times. We know the city does not have the funding to take on this project. In my opinion, it will require some type of public/private partnership. With its thriving community and outstanding business leaders, this great city has the assets we need to address this problem or challenge. We need to look and think outside the box to find the solutions for our less fortunate citizens.

If we continue to fail to help the chronically homeless and mentally ill, we will fail as a society, fail as a community and fail as a great convention city. We cannot and should not want to hide or put off our chronic homeless problems any longer. It’s time to hit our problem head-on and face the fact that we have a serious problem, and start doing something about it. CHIP’s and most government agency’s goals are mostly long-term solutions for permanent housing; we need to start working on short-term solutions for a secular homeless and mentally ill shelter & homeless camps) NOW.

I know that some of my peers may not be happy with what I am trying to do, but I truly believe that **if they, or you, are not willing to be part of this short-term solution, they, or you, are part of it the problem.** We have organizations working on long-term planning (CHIP, CoC, HUD, etc.), but we cannot and should not leave our friends and family members on the streets while they are still trying to figure out what to do. ***It’s not fair to anyone to continue to ignore this problem.*** It needs to be dealt with sooner than later. Sometime in January 2015 (this was when I wanted to start on it), we will begin with a series of fact-finding meetings. If you would like to help us work on short-term solutions and plan to make one of our meetings about a proposed secular shelter and homeless camps, please come with an open mind. We welcome

constructive criticism, but we want this to be a positive meeting for the citizens we are trying to help. We are looking for solutions; we already know the criticism. Constructive criticism without constructive suggestions is counterproductive. Please attend the meeting with finding solutions in mind.

We would like our meeting to be kind of an unofficial extension of the New BluePrint. We are not meeting to put down or belittle any of the hard work that we have collectively put into the New Blue Print; we are meeting to enhance it and work with it. We know the people who constructed the Blue Print want the same thing we want; we just want it faster than the Blue Print can give us.

Having a secular shelter and manageable homeless camps is not the sign of a city that has failed; a secular homeless shelter and an authorized homeless camp can be a sign that the community is willing to work together with all those going through various hardships. A community working to keep all its citizens safe under any and all conditions is a good thing.

We should not have anyone staying in unprotected areas of our city, especially in winter. Living in a “homeless shelter” or “an extended stay camp” would at least provide an environment for people who are going through the same things; that would be able to help each other.

The bottom line is that no citizen should be treated like a criminal just because they don't have a home as some communities have done; the criminalization of our homeless is not the solution. I know that Indianapolis has got it within itself to help everyone, especially the less fortunate. It is time that we go that extra mile for our homeless and mentally ill citizens.

I am aware that taking on this challenge is great, but it can and must be done. I have been told that Indianapolis is the largest city in the country that does not have its own city/secular shelter. We have been blessed for over 125 years with having Wheeler Mission in our city. Now we have Good News Mission and the several other smaller shelters, but they have not been able to keep up with our growing homeless population. As you know, most, if not all, of them are faith-based and a lot of our homeless population will not visit a faith-based shelter. I believe that the faith-based shelters could even do a much better job working with the homeless if they were not overcrowded, making them understaffed. In my opinion, the city has not been fair to the faith-based community shelters. The city has been happy with the status quo for the last several years and the problem has continued to grow. It's time the city, thru some type of public/private partnership, step-up to the plate and does its fair share of the lifting in caring for our homeless.

Homelessness is not a Republican, Democrat, Conservative or Liberal problem; it is a human problem that can point to a society's short-coming. It's time that Indy's citizens get together and fix this problem!

Our homeless and mentally ill citizens living on the streets of Indianapolis is a public safety issue, and it needs to be addressed sooner than later. Those currently living on the streets of Indianapolis need our help now, today, tonight, and tomorrow; they should not have to wait until next week, next month, or even next year for our help.

If you are interested in working on this initiative with us, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Don Hawkins, Founder & CEO
Homeless & ReEntry Helpers, Inc. (HRH-HHOOT)

We Need a Plan to Reduce Homelessness Sooner than Later

My name is Don Hawkins, and I have been working with our chronic homeless population who live on the streets of Indianapolis off and on now since the year 2000. It's now 2022, and I'm sorry to say that it seems like nothing has changed for this small group of our fellow citizens. They are still living in any crack and cranny of the city they can find. Police are still hassling them (sometimes for good reasons), harassed by kids, and shuffled around from place to place at the whim of society. It is an embarrassment to all of us living in Indianapolis that nothing has been done for this segment of our homeless and mentally ill population. It is time that we, as a loving and caring community, finally take the time to do something about it.

In August of 2008, I founded a non-profit organization called Homeless & ReEntry Helpers, Inc. (HRH), a 501 (c)(3) to house HRH's website (www.IndyHelpers.com) and offer services to those in and out of our prisons and jails. I have been on 11 prisons community advisory boards; I have mentored many offenders and ex-offenders over the years. In 2011 I formed Helpers Helping Others Outreach Team, Inc. (HHOOT) and started serving hot meals to the homeless in HHOOT's Diner. For almost ten (10) years, we served from 75 to 125 hot meals seven (7) nights a week to the chronic homeless. When they visit HHOOT's Diner, I get a chance to talk to them about what is going on at the camps and other shelters, and mostly it is not a pretty picture of what they have to put up with every day. Because I see and hear so much of what is going on in Indy, or more importantly, what is NOT GOING ON, I think I have a good insight on what we need, and that is why I am asking for your help. I don't claim to have all the answers. In fact, I have more questions than I have answers, but I genuinely believe that if we can come together on this as we have on so many other problems this city has faced over the years. We must come up with acceptable solutions to greatly reduce Homelessness and help our family members and friends become productive citizens again.

Chronically homeless as defined by HUD in The New Blue Print to End Homelessness

1. An individual who:

- (i) Is homeless and lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; and
- (ii) Has been homeless and living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter continuously for at least one year or on at least four separate occasions in the last three years; and
- (iii) Can be diagnosed with one or more of the following conditions: substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability (as defined in §102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (42 USC 15002)), post-traumatic stress disorder, cognitive impairments resulting from brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability;

2. An individual who has been residing in an institutional care facility, including a jail, substance abuse, or mental health treatment facility, hospital, or other similar facility, for fewer than 90 days and met all of the criteria in paragraph (1) of this definition, before entering that facility; or

3. A family with an adult head of household (or if there is no adult in the family, a minor head of household) who meets all of the criteria in paragraph (1) of this definition, including a family whose composition has fluctuated while the head of household has been homeless.

One of the BluePrints to End Homelessness put together by CHIP stated, "The political will to address homelessness sustainably is often absent in the most needed places."

This needs to change sooner than later.

The BluePrint says, "We will not allow individuals to languish in shelter, camps, cars, and the like." But there is no "Immediate Plan" for these individuals.

That Blue Print presented a variety of solutions for people who may be in the process of losing their existing housing. Still, it does not go far enough for people "currently living on the streets" of Indianapolis. Most of

the New BluePrint's solutions will take from two to five years to implement for the majority of our homeless population. **As I mentioned earlier, our Homeless friends and mentally ill currently living on the streets need help now, today, tonight, and tomorrow; they should not have to wait until next week, next month, or even next year for the help they need.**

Current plans are only for using existing monies for permanent long-term housing. I don't disagree with that on some level, but again, what about those living on the streets today. They need help now. How long will it be before we start making short-term plans for them?

That Blue Print said, "We want Homelessness to be rare, short-lived, and recoverable." This is my/our goal too, but what are we going to do to keep our chronic homeless citizens safe until that finally happens? Some of our homeless populations have been waiting for years for this to happen since the mental health facilities have closed.

That Blue Print recognized the fact that some people do not want to go to a shelter or transitional housing. Nor do they want a home or the obligation of bills or even help (for whatever reason). As good as it is, the BluePrint still does not provide a solution for the majority of this segment of our population "any time soon". In order to provide a genuinely collaborative community-based continuum of care for the homeless persons living in our community, we must not ignore those who do not want to house or help any longer just because we believe, or hope, that their mindset is only temporary and they will eventually want housing again. Either way, they deserve to be in an environment where they can trust the people around them and know that we as a society will be there for them when the time comes for them to get back on their feet. Leaving anyone in an unsafe and unprotected area of the city is unacceptable and a public safety issue that needs to be addressed immediately.

That Blue Print is a step in the right direction, but it should be for all of our homeless population, not just the persons who want to stay in the house they are now living in. We need to support our citizens that are already homeless and living on the streets of Indianapolis.

The BluePrint says that "Chronic homelessness must occur rarely and any argument of choice examined." I totally agree, but the bottom line is that we have had Homelessness since the beginning of time, and we are likely to have Homelessness till the end of time. This problem is not going away any time soon, and we need to deal with it in the best manner we can with the resources (public and private) we have. For whatever reason, a part of our society is and will always continue to be chronically homeless. **They are our family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, church members, and schoolmates. They are the stranger in need. They are us, and they are our future.**

I know the city's goal is not to let people stay on the streets, and I agree with that, but we all know it will be a long time before that goal is met. In the meantime, we need a formulated plan to find a safe place for them. The tactic of moving them out of an area, hiding behind the public safety issue, and/or, by just saying "CHIP is working on it" while doing nothing about it is wearing thin. Moving them out of one location forces them to move to another location. Since no creative solutions have been forthcoming, this is unacceptable and inhumane.

Again, we agree that funding designated for long-term housing is the ultimate goal. But waiting two to five years for that to happen is not acceptable. We are also aware that any projected funding could be cut off at any time, then what? We need to look outside the box to find alternative ways to fund our current and short-term solutions pertaining to our homeless problems. A public/private partnership of some sort can help address this need while the goal for permanent housing continues to move ahead. **This is the goal of HHOOT's plan.**

Surely we can find a vacant building that can be converted into a secular shelter and/or find 3 to 5 acres where a new building can be built for the “least of thee” in a safe location in our community. Everyone deserves to live in a safe environment no matter what kind of roof they have over their head. We are not asking for monies from the city; we want access to some ground in the downtown area where they can live for a while with some dignity in a safe location, even it’s in a tent.

I know that most individuals don’t spend very much time thinking about the homeless or the less fortunate until there in their neighborhood or they see them on the street somewhere, but we as a society must learn to take care of our own. It is our responsibility as human beings to take care of one another. That is why we have our laws, our courts, and why we form our governments.

I know that raising three million dollars for a new building or raising a million and a half dollars for an existing building is unthinkable at this time, but again, we have to think outside the box and find alternative private funding. How will it be maintained? It will take approximately a million and a half dollars a year to maintain the facility but it will be money well spent knowing that our citizens are in a safer environment and being cared for. It’s time that we make time to start working on these solutions. Our homeless citizens deserve better. Remember, even though they are homeless they are still our fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, friends and our neighbors.

As mentioned above, we know that The New Blue Print is a great idea and its challenges are great but we also believe that if we work together, all those challenges can be met. Some of you know I was one of the original 12 New Blue Print CHIP/PAT committee members and I am very proud to have been a very small part of that. It gave me a chance to learn what the problems are and how to work on the solutions. The New Blue Print, however, has no immediate budget and no teeth in it for the majority of the hard core chronic homeless at this time. The work we collectively accomplished on the Blue Print to End Homelessness is a good step in the right direction but we missed a few things that require great urgency. I am hoping that you / I / we can work together to help solve this problem sooner than later.

The Comprehensive Continuum of Care (CoC) of services program is a good start but we “really” need to start listening to and respecting the voices of all of our homeless population **today** – even the ones that say they want to be left alone. We can still leave them alone, but they are still entitled to be in a safe environment.

Ask yourself, where will we be for all eternity if we do not help our poor and our needy?

Communities as well as individuals should live by these words:

For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me. They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life. - Matthew 25:42-46

Additional “Talking Points” - To be used as a Draft Work Sheet only – It has been compiled by myself, Don Hawkins and nobody has agreed to anything yet. NOT IN ANY PARTICULAR ORDER

- 1) I’m sure that you have heard that several so called “Homeless Bill of Rights” and/or “Homeless Rights Legislation” in Rhode Island, Connecticut and California are spreading throughout the county. I would suggest that now is the time to get ahead of this type of legislation for Indianapolis.
- 2) Indianapolis should not be a city that hides or throws-away its people to jails, prisons, the streets, abandoned buildings, parked cars, alleys etc. Nor should Homelessness be criminalized like what just happened in Columbia, South Carolina. They were completely embarrassed by their actions to the

point of having to resend their earlier rulings. We know that Indianapolis is a loving and caring city and we do not need to criminalize the homeless that are being forced to live on the streets. There is a difference between truly homeless people and the criminal element. I know you do not confuse one with the other but some do.

- 3) Our city should not discriminated against or denied homeless people their basic rights just because they don't have a permanent address or cannot afford a home. Focusing on a homeless person's short comings is just a diversion from society's real problems such as: lack of jobs, housing, proper medical and mental health care, and low or no cost drug and alcohol treatment facilities, etc.
- 4) I am first and foremost a concerned citizen of this great city and I care about all of our homeless citizens living in danger on the streets of Indianapolis, the people no one else seems to care about. I care that we as a city, address these concerns effectively and with compassion. We owe them that!
- 5) We have over 200 hard core homeless people living on the streets of Indianapolis who are not living in safe environments.
- 6) The city has probably spent well over \$20,000 in constructing two fences around the Pine Street and Davidson Street bridges. What a total waste of tax payer money. If someone would have taken the time to come up with a short-term solution for this problem the money might have been better spent on a location to help solve this problem. \$20,000 would have gone a long way in actually helping those 200 homeless citizens of Indianapolis find a safe location to temporarily live in.
- 7) HRH has several investors/partners that are interested in working with the faith based community to help solve some of the homeless long term problems in working with The Bethlehem House, Horizon House, Progress House, The Dove House, etc. and other recovery organizations.
- 8) **Reducing Homelessness is an on-going process:** Even when the goal of having a successful secular shelter and a homeless camp(s) has been achieved there will be some that will still be living on the streets; like people that have been thrown out of shelters for one reason or another, criminals that are hiding out, and those that just want to be left alone, but the numbers will be much manageable. This accomplishes a much safer place for those that really want to get off the streets and start working their way back on their feet.
- 9) When the homeless are in a safe concentrated area, the local service providers can better serve them.
- 10) An added bonus will be that Wheeler will be less overcrowded; enabling them to do a much better job on the homeless they serve. The biggest single reason people don't want to go to Wheeler is not because they have to listen to Christian stuff, it's because they are way overcrowded and people feel like cattle being herded from one room to another. That is not Wheeler's fault. It is ours as a "let some else, or let the Christians take care of it" society. Believe me, with the facilities and the staff that Wheeler has, they could be more productive if they could get their numbers down to a reasonable amount that their building was designed for.
- 11) **Here's what really hurts,** the government won't let us Christians pray in their schools or say the pledge of allegiance, but they expect us to take care of their homeless, sick, addictions and mentally ill problems. Christians can only do so much. It's past time that the government (city) steps up and takes the responsibility for its short comings.

12) The bottom line is, the city and CHIP's New Blue Print want the same thing we do (safe housing for everyone); we just don't want to have to wait another three or four years (or longer) for someone to provide the funding for all those that need shelter and housing NOW.

Mixed Notes Pages – not complete

We Need: 1) a Plan, 2) a Location, and 3) Funding

We are proposing a: 1) secular homeless shelter that is funded and/or managed thru a private-public partnership; and, 2) a “city-recognized homeless camp”, we are calling “HHOOT’s House” that the city agrees to work with and/or to leave alone until alternative housing of some kind can be found for this group of homeless citizens. Safety and security is priority number one for all concerned parties. This will be a no-nonsense camp where troublemakers will not be tolerated.

Information on a secular homeless shelter will be added later.....

HHOOT’s house is for those that have been thrown out of the family house, girlfriend or boyfriend’s house, spouse’s house, just getting out of jail or prison, got kicked out of a shelter, got kicked out of another camp, etc.

HHOOT’s house is for those that are unintended homeless or those that just want to be left along for a while and have nowhere else to go and wants to be in a safe environment until they can get back on their feet and find a new place to live.

Who is HHOOT’s House for?

- 1) The chronic homeless population that have lost their housing and/or lost their way
- 2) For those that have nowhere else to go
- 3) For those that just need a safe place to be while they are recovering from Homelessness
- 4) For those that want to live in a clean and safe environment and to be treated with respect. This could be the first step in helping them help themselves to regain their dignity from the trauma that got them homeless in the first place.
- 5)

We Need a Plan for this segment of our homeless population that is still living on the streets of Indy!

(If we build it they will come)

- 1) Organize a Team that will formulate a Plan – set up a meeting
- 2) Find those that are with us.
- 3) Find those that are against us.
- 4) Start a dialogue with all concerned parties. Remembering that we can all agree to disagree on some things but we need to start working together on what we do agree on.
- 5) We know that the city’s goal is to find everyone a permanent safe place to stay but until that time they have to stay somewhere and that somewhere is going to be on the street.
- 6) Priority one is to find a location that everyone can live with including; neighbors, businesses and the city.
- 7)

Do Additional Research on:

- 1) Camps – Indy rules for campsites
- 2) Tent Cities (Camps) in other cities
- 3) Cities that successfully worked with “Tent Cities”
- 4) Homeless Bill of Rights around the country
- 5) Homeless Legislation around the country

Camps - they could be a self-managed community (park) that will be governed by a strict set of rules, set by them.

- 1) Name – TBD
- 2) Location – TBD
- 3) Camp should have a maximum capacity depending of the size of the camp
- 4) An authorized “Camp” site where tents can stay up for extended periods of time
- 5) Needs to be in or near the downtown area close to existing services for the homeless
 - a. Will have to be in a location that doesn’t have a lot of businesses, development or neighborhood involvement (if possible)
 - b. Will not be out of the downtown area
 - c. Residents of the camp must obey all city laws pertaining to panhandling
- 6) Must be near a bus stop
- 7) Must be available to IMPD
- 8) Must be available to Parole & Probation
- 9) Must be available to Service Providers (schedule professional services) – medical, drug and alcohol treatment mental health, etc.
- 10) Must be available to the Faith Based Community (schedule faith based services, food, clothing, etc.)
- 11) Completely fenced in – what’s inside is blocked from the outside so to be neighborhood friendly and not an eye sore to the local community
- 12) Port-a-potties
- 13) Dumpsters & trash can
- 14) Must be kept clean and neat at all times
- 15) Running water will be provided
- 16) Showers w/hot water
- 17) Pick-up location for people that need workers (employers, temp services, etc.)
- 18) Must carry insurance for certain liability
- 19) Small pets are welcome
- 20) Must be able to use propane for heating and cooking
- 21) Must be able to have small fireplaces in contained areas for heating and cooking
- 22)

Available Housing Now:

- 1) The Street - various camps such as the Jungle, Salt Mines, the River, bridges, doorways, alley ways, parks, parked cars, trucks, vans, abandon houses, abandon commercial buildings, etc.
- 2) Family and/or friends couches, floors
- 3) Jails or Prisons – for the criminal element that did not nor could comply with parole or probation
- 4) Tent Cities / Camps – Unsafe and Unauthorized, occasionally moved from place to place
- 5) Shelters – Faith Based – short-term only
- 6) Shelters – Work Based – long term only if you can work or pay
- 7) Hotels, motels
- 8) Transitional Housing – Existing
- 9) Permanent Housing / Apartments

Future:

- 10) HHOOT's House, A Secular Homeless Shelter
- 11) Hopefully, the only people living on the streets after HHOOT's House is in place will be those that are evading the law, still on drugs and alcohol and the mentally ill that no one can get to for one reason or another.
- 12) **Our Short Term Goal – A Homeless Camp Site** – Safe and Authorized (or at least left alone)
 - a. Create an adapt a homeless camp program
 - b. Create a mentoring program for the homeless
 - c. Create an environment where they know the next step in either a transitional type environment or permanent housing again
- 13) Engagement Center – (none in Indy, still working on it)
- 14) Safe Haven locations – (none in Indy)
- 15) Emergency City (secular) Shelter for anyone anytime – (none in Indy but a nice thought)
- 16) **Our Long Term Goal – Transitional Housing** – Create new faith based co-op units with several church's and the private sector that will lead into permanent housing
- 17) 100,000 homes project – just learning about this

Who will pay for it?

- 1) Initially private investors/partners/faith based groups
- 2) The city – isn't going to happen willingly – at least initially (enter the movie May14)
 - a. Hopefully that will change
- 3) Grants – don't think so, at least initially
 - a. Needs to be looked into
- 4) Probably faith based groups in the long run if organized right
 - a. Help with meals, clothing, personal hygiene items
 - b. Help fund Transitional Homeless Housing Projects
- 5) Someone like HHOOT has to take the lead, and/or the faith based community. We may have to prove to the city that it can work before they will get involved financially.
- 6)

Let's review just a few more things our Bible says about helping the poor and the needy:

Pro 22:22	Do not exploit the poor because they are poor and do not crush the needy in court,
Pro 28:3	A ruler who oppresses the poor is like a driving rain that leaves no crops.
Pro 29:14	If a king judges the poor with fairness, his throne will be established forever.
Pro 31:9	Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.
Pro 14:31	Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.
Pro 21:13	Whoever shuts their ears to the cry of the poor will also cry out and not be answered.
Pro 28:27	Those who give to the poor will lack nothing, but those who close their eyes to them receive many curses.
Pro 22:22	Do not exploit the poor because they are poor and do not crush the needy in court,
Psa 82:4	Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.
Mat 6:2	"So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,
Mat 6:3	
Mat 25:35	For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,
Mat 25:36	I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'
Mat 25:37	"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?
Mat 25:38	When did we see you a stranger and invite you in or needing clothes and clothe you?
Mat 25:39	When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'
Mat 25:40	"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'
Mat 25:41	"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
Mat 25:42	For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,
Mat 25:43	I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'
Mat 25:44	"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'
Mat 25:45	"He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'
Mat 25:46	"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."
Luk 11:41	But now as for what is inside you—be generous to the poor, and everything will be clean for you.
Luk 14:13 Luk 14:14	But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."