Criminalization of Homelessness

Each year, SOME has been a co-sponsor of the National Homeless Persons Memorial Day observance in the District of Columbia, which in 2014 was held on December 19 at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church.

The keynote speaker was 91-year-old Arnold Abbott, founder of the “Love Thy Neighbor Fund,” in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Despite a new Fort Lauderdale law that restricts public feeding of the homeless, and the threat of jail time and hundreds of dollars in fines, Mr. Abbott insists on the right to provide food to homeless persons on the beach of his home town. “I’ve been fighting for the underdog all my life, so this is nothing new,” Mr. Abbott says. Other U.S. cities have similar laws. A report released by the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty in 2014 - No Safe Place: The Criminalization of Homelessness in U.S. Cities - found that in 9% of 187 cities studied, it is illegal to share food with homeless individuals. The same report found that in more than half of the ... “Could you survive if there were no place you were allowed to fall asleep, to store your belongings, or to stand still?”

How You Are Helping Those in Need

Over the past three months, with the help of Provide-A-Meal volunteers, SOME has served 61,697 nutritious meals to hungry children, women and men in our Main Dining Room and our Dining Room for Women and Children.

Housing the Homeless Update

Currently, 686 families with children and single adults are living in SOME’s safe and affordable housing. We have 291 additional apartments and private rooms under development, which will bring the total number of dignified housing units provided to 977.

Thank You for Your Wonderful Support in 2014!

Thanks to your remarkable generosity, we were able, despite increased homelessness, to provide meals, services such as health care and housing, and hospitality to each individual who sought our help during the holidays and throughout the year. Hundreds of holiday dinner baskets, thousands of carefully assembled shoebox gifts, and armloads of warm coats and jackets poured through our doors and were distributed to poor and homeless families and individuals, including seniors and those struggling with disabilities.
Our Donor Stories

SOME is fortunate and grateful to have many dedicated and caring supporters. Here is a special story about how two local, professional boxers chose to give back to the homeless this past Thanksgiving.

This past Thanksgiving, SOME received a call from Lamont and Anthony Peterson, local sons of the District and professional boxers. The Peterson brothers wanted to help homeless DC residents during the holidays by contributing food and serving a meal in SOME’s Dining Room. Their motivation was personal, as children, the brothers had been homeless on the District’s streets. Before they were 10 years old, they were surviving on their own. They met Barry Hunter, who ran a boxing gym. He earned their trust and helped to care for them, becoming their coach and part of their family.

On November 25, Lamont, Anthony and Barry arrived at SOME with a delivery truck packed with over $5,000 worth of food to stock SOME’s food pantry! After helping to unload the food, they donned SOME aprons and served a hot lunch to several hundred guests in SOME’s Dining Room. Before lunch was served, they shared their uplifting story with the men who had gathered for the meal.

Our heartfelt thanks to Lamont and Anthony Peterson for giving back in this wonderful way!

Success Stories

Ronald shared the following story with us about his experience with SOME’s Senior Services.

I was at the 801 Transitional Rehabilitation Program located on the St. Elizabeth’s hospital campus. I was on the last leg of completion and a friend told me about SOME’s Senior Center Program. I met with the Director, Ms. Denise Stoney. She invited me to sit-in for a few days to see if the Senior Center was where I would like to spend my time.

The Senior Center offers a person everything and much, much more. I mean a real sense of peace. Every imaginable service I could think of was offered there and the staff is professional, courteous, and people-friendly. The seniors treat you like real family.

My time was running out at the Rehabilitation Program and I was about to lose a lot of personal possessions and move into one of the dangerous and drug-infested shelters in the city. I was rather embarrassed to tell MS. Denise of my situation and that I would be moving on.

She was having none of this and made some calls where I was introduced to Wannic Edwards, Case Manager of SOME’s Kuehner Place. Ms. Edwards told me what she could offer, what she would do, and assured me that I would never ever be homeless if I followed the program.

I moved into Kuehner Place and cried like a baby that night. This place is beyond anything compared to a shelter. I have my own room and three free meals of my own choice. Ms. Edwards is always working as my personal real estate agent to help me find suitable housing. All Thanks and Honor to Father John and the whole entire staff of SOME. My Gratitude to GOD for his Angels at SOME.

SOME’s Annual Dinner Gala and Silent Auction

On November 22, 2014 friends of SOME gathered at our annual Gala to honor SOME’s 2014 McKenna Humanitarians Edward and Kathleen Quinn for their outstanding support and service. Nearly $1 million was raised from the Gala and the Silent and Live Auctions. Proceeds from the Dinner Gala benefited SOME’s Capital Campaign to develop a property on Benning Road, NE, into a mixed-use facility that will include 202 units of affordable housing and a job training center that will train 300 adults per year. We would love for you to be a part of this exciting development. Please contact SOME’s Chief Development Officer Linda Parisi at lparisi@some.org, at 202.292.4413, or visit capitalcampaign.some.org to learn more about this facility, including the many naming opportunities available.
How You Can Help Homeless Individuals on the Street

Particularly during these cold winter months, we all share a deep concern for the men, women and children who are living on the street, sleeping on the streets of our nation’s capital. We wanted to share some information and resources that you can use to help keep our homeless neighbors safe.

1. Hypothermia Hotline: Every winter, homeless people die on the streets and in the parks in DC. If you see a homeless person who is inadequately protected on a freezing day, call DC’s Hypothermia Hotline: 1-800-535-7252. Please be prepared to provide the address and a description of the person’s clothing. A van will be dispatched to take the person from the street to an emergency shelter (or to a hospital if needed).

2. Homeless Outreach Teams: The DC Department of Behavioral Health’s Homeless Outreach Teams assist homeless persons with mental health disorders, including those in crisis. They provide interventions and help individuals find shelter during extreme weather. If you know a homeless individual who may be in need of these services, please call the Homeless Outreach Teams’ offices at 202.673.9124, or visit the 24-hour Access Helpline at 1.888.793.4357.

3. Share Information about SOME’s Services: If you encounter someone who is not in an emergency situation, but who may be in need of SOME’s services, please share this information, which can also be printed from our website at some.org/services.

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In Loving Memory

We would like to acknowledge friends of SOME who have been remembered by their loved ones through memorial contributions to SOME.

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Dale Ann Ainsworth
Barbara Brooks Atkinson
John Baer
Marion Barry
Don Beebe
Beverly Z. Beckley
Joseph Berger
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Fr. John Adams with the 2014 Jr. Gala Board.

SOME will host its Jr. Gala on Friday, February 6, 2015 from 8pm to midnight at the National Museum of Women in the Arts. This festive evening of cocktails and dancing offers a great opportunity for young professionals to support SOME. Proceeds will benefit families living in two of SOME’s affordable apartments: Fendall Heights and The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Building. Fendall Heights is home to 29 formerly homeless veterans and single adults. The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Building opened in July and is home to 28 families, including 21 families who were living in a DC shelter.

This year’s event will feature live music by the Blue Tips Rhythm Revue! Tickets start at $80 per person.

If you would like to purchase tickets to the Jr. Gala or are interested in sponsorship opportunities for this event, please visit some.org/jrgala or contact Ingrid Feigenbaum at ifeigenbaum@some.org.

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More than 800 holiday dinner baskets were provided to SOME’s Senior Services. Not only were we able to provide a bountiful dinner basket to each low-income senior we serve, we were also able to share them with families and individuals served in other SOME programs.

You also helped to ensure that the men, women and children who came to SOME in November or December for a coat or holiday meal were also cared for throughout the year. You and our other caring supporters gave tens of thousands of hours of their time as volunteers, as well as monetary and in-kind support. Your combined efforts kept SOME going, as they have throughout our 44 years of service.

Bequests as Living Memorials

SOME honors the memory of individuals whose generous bequests will help SOME to continue its work. We are deeply grateful to those for their thoughtfulness in providing for the homeless and poor children, and men in our community whom they supported during their lifetimes.

Mary G. Arnett
Vida M. Baung
Edward J. Duffy

Legacy of Hope

“I wish I could do more,” is the comment we most often hear from friends of SOME when they make contributions to help provide services to the increased number of homeless and poor in our community. Through a bequest or planned gift, you can provide a level of support that ensures SOME’s ability to help future men, women, and children in need that will increase the impact of the support you thoughtfully provide SOME now.

By thoughtful planning, your gift can provide both the greatest assistance to SOME and the most attractive benefits for you and your family. For more information, please consult your tax advisor or attorney.

If you would like to receive our complimentary booklet, Legacy of Hope, please contact SOME Chief Development Officer Linda Parisi at 202.292.4413 or lparisi@some.org. Thank you.

Red Socks in Honor of Clint Wheeler

Hundreds of friends honored the memory of SOME Corporate Advisory Board member Clint Wheeler by donating nearly 500 pairs of red socks in recognition of Clint’s dedication to his beloved Boston Red Sox team and his compassion for those in need. The festive socks were used in SOME’s holiday shoe box gifts and distributed throughout SOME’s programs.

Clint was one of the finest and most generous people anyone could ever meet. His loving spirit, compassion and tireless efforts on behalf of those in need are legendary. Clint’s passing is a great loss to his family and his many friends and colleagues, whom he loved deeply.

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For more information, please visit some.org.
SOME’s 13th Annual Thanksgiving Day Trot for Hunger Raises $590,000 to Help the Hungry and Homeless

Thanks to all of our participants, sponsors and donors for making the 13th Annual Thanksgiving Day Trot for Hunger our most successful Trot ever! This Thanksgiving Day tradition raised over $590,000, more than ever before, to serve the homeless and hungry at SOME. Ten thousand runners and walkers gathered on Freedom Plaza to participate in Washington, DC’s only turkey trot.

Empty Bowls 2015

Tuesday | March 24 | 6pm - 8pm
The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament
3630 Quesada Street, NW, Washington, DC

Wednesday | March 25 | 6pm - 8pm
St. Ann Roman Catholic Church (new location)
5300 North 10th Street, Arlington, VA

SOME will once again partner with the Corcoran School of the Arts and Design, local potters and pottery groups to host two annual Empty Bowls soup suppers this March. Empty Bowls provides an opportunity to raise funds for SOME’s food programs while also promoting hunger awareness in our community.

Each year, potters donate handcrafted bowls and local restaurants donate soup, bread and dessert for a unique and meaningful experience for all ages. Each guest will select a bowl, be served a soup supper and, when the meal is through, take their bowl home as a reminder that there are always people in our community whose bowls are empty. The cost is $25 per person. If you are a potter and willing to donate bowls, or if you are a local restaurant and willing to donate food, please contact Rebecca Potts-Dupre at rpotts-dupre@some.org or 202.797.8806, ext. 1131.

Thank you to Menuhah Peters, Valerie Brown, and Su Kang, and the teams Hungry Helpers, Carrollsburg Fundracers, and 1, 2, 3. Yo!

Thank You, Trot Sponsors!

Please help us to thank our sponsors, who commit to ensure that the Trot is successful.

Building Hope Update

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Program Spotlight: Homebound Senior Program

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Through this program, which serves over 50 seniors per year, individuals also receive durable medical equipment, incontinence supplies, nutritional drinks and monthly grocery deliveries. Together, these services enable low-income District seniors to age safely in their homes.

If you are interested in learning more about the program or would like to refer a senior you think would benefit from these services, please call SOME’s Geriatric Care Manager at 202.797.8806, ext. 1312.

Thanksgiving Day Trot for Hunger runners and walkers stream over the finish line on Pennsylvania Avenue.

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