



# Homeless

for a night



## Participant Packet

We Cancerve Movement invites you to join in solidarity with youth around Harford County to remember the more than 1.1 million homeless children in America, and sleep in unusual place with only the clothes on your backs, a piece of cardboard, sleeping bags/blankets and very few personal items to raise awareness about the hopelessness so many homeless kids feel because they don't have a bed or home, they're often separated from their parents and they move around and lose friends a lot. We're also raising funds to help provide temporary housing and meaningful programs to homeless youth in community.

For one night only, we are coming together and to see what it's like to be away from the things we enjoy most – like our favorite chair, our television, Wii, hot food whenever we want it. Thanks for joining with us on this endeavor.

This information packet was designed to provide you – our participants – with details you need to successfully raise money for children experiencing homelessness. We hope you find this project rewarding because it's an opportunity to give to others, especially children, who need our help most.



# Here's How It Works

Participants will begin their Homeless for a Night project from **(start date and time)** until **(end date and time)**. Participants ask friends, family, church members, coworkers (if you're a teen or adult participant) and community supporters to sponsor their time in the Homeless for a Night location. Sponsors pledge any monetary amount for every hour the participant sleeps in the Homeless for a Night location. Typical monetary pledges range from \$1.00 to \$25.00. Pledges can be dedicated to every hour you sleep in your Homeless for a Night location, or a flat rate for the entire experience.

*\*\*It is important that sponsors remain committed to paying their pledged amount at the conclusion of the event; these participants have set monetary goals and are relying on sponsors to honor their pledges.\*\**

Participants are responsible for collecting all pledged money from sponsors. All monies should be submitted via check made out to the **We Cancerve Fund**, and mailed to the **We Cancerve Movement at P.O. Box 1036, Abingdon, Md. 21009** by November 1. All money collected and submitted to the We Cancerve Movement will go directly to homeless programs we support. Please be sure to include the participant's name in the memo line, or on a separate note inside the mailing envelope so we know who to thank personally for joining us in this effort.

## Event Details

### Where

Your home or a pre-determined, safe location for a group

### When

*Start date and time*

*End date and time*

### Schedule

All sleepers should go to their Homeless for a Night location by *time*:  
*TBD.*

### Here are the rules ...

- Stay safe. Your safety is paramount.**  
*We Cancerve is not liable for any choice you make to participate or any decisions surrounding your complete volunteerism to help raise money through this option. You and your family assume all risks.*
  - Be honest about the time you spend in the "Homeless for a Night" location
  - Take this experience seriously; don't come and go from your Homeless for a Night location. Once you arrive at the location, try not to leave that place unless there's an emergency.\*
- \*Restroom breaks are allowed.*

# What to bring ...

Cell phone (but no charger)

Light snack, e.g., single serving of crackers, fruit, a drink

1-2 books, e.g., puzzle books or novels

A Kid's Guide to Hunger & Homelessness

Ink pens and pencils

Battery-operated flashlight

Journal

Blanket(s) and pillow

EpiPen (and someone to administer it if necessary)



## Please do not bring ...

- Anything that requires electrical power (cell phones are fine but no chargers!)
- Lighters and matches
- Laptops and tablets
- Meals (no fully prepared meals; homeless people have to be concerned with critters eating their food)
- Mini grill, portable stove, etc.
- Cooking appliances
- Mattresses or air mattresses
- Medicine
- Offensive material or substances

... Remember, this is **not** a sleepover! But you can do this with a friend, but the rules still apply.





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# Social Media Strategies

## Sample Social Media posts:

- I'm homeless ... for one night only beginning (date). I need your support as I take this journey to experience what 1.1 million youth experience daily: being without a place to call home.
- I'll be "Homeless for a Night" to raise awareness for homeless youth in area shelters, transitional housing programs and on the streets. Please support me by pledging money toward every hour I sleep in my "Homeless for a Night" location.
- I just reached \$XX in pledges for homeless youth. Help me get to \$XXX today by pledging money toward my "Homeless for a Night" experience.
- Join me and become "Homeless for a Night." Learn more at [www.wecancerve.org](http://www.wecancerve.org).

Generate support for your  
"Homeless for a Night"  
experience through social media



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#NoAgeLimitOnService  
#WeCancerve