

DOWNTOWN STREETS TEAM

Homelessness is mindboggling

- **578,424 people experience homelessness on any given night in the United States**
- **113,952 homeless individuals in California**
 - 20% of all homeless in the U.S.

Photo courtesy of San Jose Mercury News

Homelessness affects everyone



The Community, City Hall
And Public Services



Police and CJS



Public Health
and Hospitals



Environment



Taxpayer, Tourism
And Small Business

**\$520 million was spent on
homelessness in Santa Clara
County last year**

Worst thing about being homeless?

- ☐ The cold
- ☐ Feeling safe at night/lack of sleep
- ☐ Services are lacking
- ☐ Don't know where I'll get my next meal
- ☐ Not sure if I'll have shelter tonight or don't like shelters
- ☐ Can't shower, have clean clothes or practice good hygiene
- ☐ Have to stand in a lot of lines
- ☐ Can't keep my things safe and have to carry them around
- ☐ No privacy
- ☐ Can't always use the bathroom when I need to
- ☒ Other (please explain): The way people look down on me

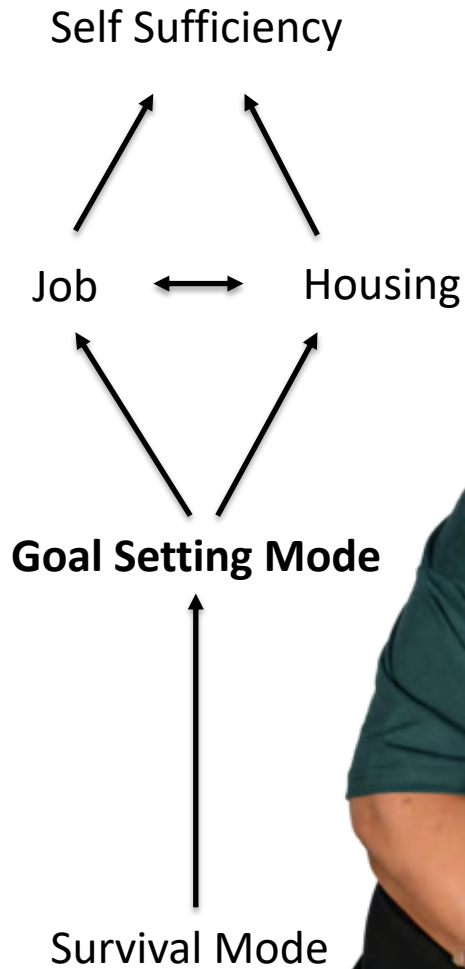


WE ARE helping homeless PEOPLE
REBUILD THEIR LIVES through the
dignity of work.



Our model in a nutshell

- Homeless and low-income people volunteer with us and work collaboratively on beautification projects around the community
- In return, Team Members receive a basic needs stipend while receiving case management and employment services



Stipend

- **Non cash**
 - Food
 - Storage
 - Transportation
 - Housing
 - Communication
- **Stepping stone into employment**

“ The vibe in the room, with its cargo of ragged-ass, beaten-up, undefeated people, is ebullient—**part church revival and part 12-step meeting, with a little hiring hall and job fair thrown in.** As people get up and tell their stories, they’re interrupted by shouts of “Go, Kevin!” and “Yeah!”...Impossibly cheerful staffers relay practical information about jobs, housing, and classes.

—San Francisco Magazine

When a Team Member receives their Yellow T-Shirt, it's symbolic of a new beginning.





Who would have thought the solution to ending homelessness would be to involve the people who ARE homeless?

he Family Album Project



888
PEOPLE
HOUSED

6.4 months
UNTIL 1st
HOUSED

7.4 PER
MONTH



925 Jobs
Held Over
90 Days

6.5 months
UNTIL
EMPLOYMENT

9
JOBS/MONTH
LASTING 90
DAYS



7,757,774
Gallons Of
Debris
Removed

54,911
Needles
Removed

\$13.90
AVG HOURLY
WAGE



As a result of participating with us

96%

**report increased
motivation, hope
and self-esteem**



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TEAM**

Homelessness

Homelessness Task Force Report

Tools and Resources for Cities and Counties



CALIFORNIA STATE
ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES



Community Benefits

- **Cleaner Streets/environment**
- **Cost effective solution**
- **Immediate results**
- **Addresses behavioral issues**
- **Highly Visible Action/Good PR**
 - Attitude shift amongst residents

