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AWARENESS WEEK
November 12-20, 2011

ORGANIZING MANUAL

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- In 2010, ***more than 500*** universities, colleges, high schools, community and religious groups held H&H Week events.
- Tens of thousands of concerned students & teachers, activists, leaders, organizers & decision-makers gathered in communities across the country to raise awareness of this important crisis.
- Now challenge your Sisters & Brothers to:
 - Organize an H&H Week event
 - Take action to draw awareness
 - Fight hunger & homelessness

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This year's goal is 750 H&H events

**Hunger & Homeless Awareness Week
...help plan one today.**

**If there isn't one in your community
...help start one today.**



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Welcome

As Thanksgiving approaches, many people in America reflect on the reasons for which they're thankful. This holiday is also an appropriate time to show one's appreciation by donating time, attention and resources to those less fortunate. In the spirit of thanks and giving, each year the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Student Campaign against Hunger and Homelessness ask those concerned about the social ills of hunger and homelessness to set aside the week prior to Thanksgiving to honor National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week. Last year during this week, more than five hundred high schools, colleges, community groups and faith-based groups from cities across the United States came together to bring awareness to the issues of hunger and homelessness by holding local and regional H&H weeks. Our hope is that this manual serves as a tool to encourage and inspire both you and your community to get involved by joining the growing number of concerned people holding their own National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week!

Consider Joining

If you and your group are considering participating in the *National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week*, first think about why this week is so important. According to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's 2010 annual report to Congress, each night there are approximately 770,000 people in the United States who are homeless. The US Department of Education reports that there are an additional 700,000 children without a place to call home and who go to bed hungry nightly. Participating in *National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week* raises awareness and promotes ending hunger and homelessness in your community, strengthening the national endeavor to end these social ills.

One in six American families live below their respective poverty thresholds. Three out of four states saw an increase in both the number and percentage of people living in poverty. Fifty million Americans live in food insecure households, with millions of children going to bed hungry each night. Three and a half million Americans will experience homelessness this year, including many United States military veterans.

Bringing attention to the national disgrace of homelessness is something for which you can be proud. Your participation in H&H week will help build your community and leadership skills, while fostering a greater understanding and solidarity among your friends and peers. Events such as hunger banquets and "One Night without a Home" helps people realize the difficulties that the hungry and homeless people face daily. Approach a community leader or school administrator about participating in National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week. Together we can work to eliminate the myth that hunger and homelessness is someone else's problem and embrace the reality that ending hunger and homelessness is possible.

Plan Ahead

Getting a head start or early planning is important and critical to the success of your H&H Week. November 12-20, 2011, will come before you know it. Begin your planning by enlisting interested individuals, outlining and planning events, and contacting organizations that may be willing to participate and offer their assistance. The more time you spend brainstorming, planning, and organizing now, the better your week will go in November. Hunger and homelessness cannot be eliminated in a week, but a creative, dedicated, and timely effort will contribute greatly to a large and growing national endeavor.

If this is your first time participating in National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week, remember that you do not need an event for each day. It might be better to choose one or two events that will be well-planned, focused and vibrant.

Get Started

Now that you and your community have made an important commitment to hold an H&H Week, let's get started. First things first, NO ONE CAN DO IT ALONE. You need a small team of dedicated people who will be the Planning Team, as well as a larger group to support the Planning Team. Always recruit people by creating an interest in the issues of hunger and homelessness, as well as creating an interest in the events that are being planned.

You may already know many of the people who will participate in H&H Week from your community. But don't forget to promote participation from other groups and individuals you may not know. Many people won't know if they want to participate until they're asked. Consider every community group and organization and faith-based group in the community. It's important not to leave anyone out. Even if some organizations in your community aren't active outside of their own activities, take the initiative to assume a leadership role. Also, consider any groups that may already be interested in hunger and homelessness issues. It is imperative not only to promote interest, but also to consider everyone's feedback. Discussion of the H&H Week makes for better and stronger events. Collaborative events work best. Be open to changes and new ideas.

It's incredibly important to include the entire community where the H&H Week is being held. Remember to involve work with children, the elderly, businesses, high school and college students. When establishing a diverse team, it is important to decide on the logistics ASAP.

Here is a sample checklist of some, but not all, questions that you will need to answer:

- How many and which events should we plan for?
- When and where should the events take place?
- How many people should coordinate each event?
- How should we advertise the events?
- What is the best meeting time (preferably weekly) for everyone?
- What community organizations would help us by co-sponsoring the week?
- Who is knowledgeable about organizing events within the community?
- What are creative ways to educate the public on the events and the issue?

Register Today

Before you get started please take a moment to register your Awareness Week on the Student Campaign against Hunger and Homelessness' website:

<http://www.studentsagainsthunger.org/awareness-week>

And the National Coalition for the Homeless website:

<http://www.nationalhomeless.org/projects/awareness/index.html>

It is very important for you to register your week so that we have accurate records of participation across the country. We would also benefit from any feedback you can provide on events you hosted during Awareness Week.

Good luck as you begin organizing!

It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do little - do what you can.

-Sydney Smith

We can do no great things, only small things with great love.

-Mother Teresa

Education

In any endeavor, education is key. Be able to speak confidently about what inspired your participation in National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. Remember that citing statistics, legislative developments, historical trends, and personal experiences can enhance an advocate's credibility, and spark greater interest in listeners. Listed below are a number of websites that you can utilize to educate yourself and your community about hunger and homelessness issues:



National Coalition for the Homeless
<http://www.nationalhomeless.org>



National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness
<http://www.studentsagainsthunger.org>



National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty
<http://www.nlchp.org>



National Alliance to End Homelessness
<http://www.endhomelessness.org/>



Center for Budget and Policy Priorities
<http://www.cbpp.org/>



National Low-Income Housing Coalition
<http://www.nlihc.org/>



Congressional Hunger Center
<http://www.hungercenter.org/>

Videos and books are also a great tool with which to educate yourself and the public about hunger and homelessness. The Appendix includes a list of several movies and books that address hunger and homelessness.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

Below is a list of suggested events for National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. Please feel free to develop new activities for your unique community. If your idea is a great success, please let us know so that we can add your event to next year's manual!

Popular Awareness Week Events

- Organize a "One Night without a Home" awareness sleep out in front of city hall or on a nearby college campus.
- Organize a Hunger Banquet or Dining Hall Fast in your community.

Educational Events

- Host educational forums on hunger and homelessness. Invite speakers, such as homeless persons, service providers, and community speakers to share their experiences. Show videos and distribute fact sheets or other informational material.
- Organize a book reading and discussion group. See listed books in the [Appendix E-1](#)
- Organize a movie night and show one of the movies listed above in the [Appendix E-2](#). Request a non-perishable food item as an admissions fee. Have a local business or group donate popcorn and other refreshments.
- Arrange to go into an elementary school and read a children's book on hunger or homelessness and have the teacher facilitate an age-appropriate discussion.
- Have religious institutions such as churches, synagogues, temples, and mosques focus their religious services on homelessness/poverty issues. Prayer breakfasts/meetings and candlelight vigils are also good ways to involve religious institutions.

Community Building Events

- Organize a potluck dinner in which community members bring in a dish for themselves and three other persons. Invite homeless persons as guests in order to encourage community interaction.
- Arrange a Community Service Day where people can volunteer at different local organizations and learn about their activities.
- Organize a Cardboard Brigade in your community – encourage citizens and students to make cardboard signs and take to the streets stressing the importance of ending homelessness and raising awareness.
- Host an Open-Mic Night in a local coffee shop, inviting all community members to share poetry, prose, and thoughts on homelessness and hunger.
- Organize a Food Stamp Challenge in which participants attempt to eat on a food stamp budget for a week or a day.
- Construct a community quilt. Each person can contribute a square that relates to an aspect of homelessness and poverty that is meaningful to them.
- Organize a "We are All Homeless" event in your community during which non-homeless individuals hold-up signs asking for money, in order to raise awareness of homelessness. Volunteers can also give out information

directing individuals to local homelessness/hunger charities/service providers.

- Organize a “Living in a Car” event in which volunteers take shifts living in a car for twenty-four hours in a public area to simulate how some homeless live and to raise awareness about the plight of the homeless.
- Organize collection of non-perishable items such as food, hygiene products, clothing, blankets, books, toys etc at local business. Also inquire if the local businesses are willing to donate a percentage of their profits during the week to a local homelessness/hunger organization.

Fundraising and Drives for Hunger and Homelessness Causes

- Organize a drive to collect non-perishable items such as food, hygiene products, clothing, blankets, books, and toys. Involve the community organizations in a competition to see which group can collect the most donations.
- Designate one day for community members to skip a meal. Instead of purchasing lunch that day, they can donate the money that they would have spent to hungry people in your community.
- Sponsor a bake sale. Donate collected money to a local shelter.
- Sponsor a benefit concert with local musicians. Donate collected money to a local shelter.
- Arrange a walk or a run. Have each participant collect sponsorship money; set a minimum, such as \$20 per participant. Donate collected money to a local shelter. Encourage local businesses to donate food and drinks and local bands to provide entertainment.
- Sponsor a Gallery night by selling artwork created by homeless individuals, with the proceeds to be donated to local homelessness/hunger organizations or directly to the homeless whose artwork is being sold.
- Organize an “Empty Bowls” fundraiser, in conjunction with an art department or local art center. Volunteers create ceramic bowls which are then used to serve a simple meal of soup and bread. Guests at the meal give a suggested donation of ten dollars in exchange for the meal and the bowl which they keep as a reminder of their experiences at the meal. The money raised is used to support local, national, or international hunger relief efforts.

Advocacy Events

- Register homeless and low-income people to vote.
- Have a booth where people can write to their Congressional representatives about the importance of programs for homeless persons.
- Think Globally, Act Locally: Washington, D.C. isn’t the only place that lobbying is possible! Gather a group of students and homeless/formerly homeless individuals and visit your city hall, county commission, state legislature and/or a local office of your Congressional representative or Senator. Focus on educating your audience on homelessness issues and what ideas you have to better the situation. Lobbying doesn’t have to have a negative connotation, think about what you are doing as merely an educational, hopeful conversation. For more tips on lobbying effectively see the lobbying FAQ section.

- Have people come together and discuss the issues surrounding homelessness and then write their opinions in Letters to the Editor in their local, state, and national newspapers.

All of these ideas leave plenty of room for ingenuity. Take one of these ideas and change it as you see fit, or combine components of multiple ideas, such as:

- Organize a carnival: charge a couple of dollars for admission and/or collect canned foods as admission. Have local businesses donate food, drinks, and other goods or services. Charge very little for each, and donate all proceeds from the event to a local shelter. Have homeless or formerly homeless people attend and speak briefly. Have local bands perform. Have a booth to write letters to Congressional representatives.

See Appendix B for some more event ideas, or check out the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness website for ideas that are specifically geared towards college campuses and students, such as the Spare Change for Social Change initiative, and Swipe Twice for Hunger. <http://www.studentsagainsthunger.org>

I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something I can do.

-Edward Everett Hale

MEDIA

The success of your National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week will depend largely on your ability to publicize prior to the event. Effective use of the media will get people in your community to start thinking about hunger and homelessness, inspiring them to take part in the events during the week. In order to get the word out and involve the community as much as possible, you need to alert the local media early in your organizing process. *It is important to notify both campus and community media sources. Let them know about the events of Awareness Week.*

How to Utilize the Media

- Find multiple media outlets in your community such as newspapers and radio stations.
- Urge media to publish/run/air educational information, as well as stories from homeless people and social service agencies.
- Encourage media sources to publish/run/air information about your Awareness Week events, particularly the time and location of such events.
- One week before National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, step up the publicity to make sure that Awareness Week remains on everyone's mind. During the week, continue to collaborate with the media to gather as many participants as possible for the events. Please see the sample news release we have included as a guide in the [Appendix A-1](#).

Other Publicizing Techniques

- It is helpful to be creative in advertising your activities. Some suggestions are t-shirts, posters, bookmarks, or door hangers.
- The graphics department at a local school may be willing to help you create flyers and posters for the events and factsheets with information about hunger and homelessness. Great places to hang flyers and posters include local restaurants, businesses, college campuses, and service organizations. Make sure to get permission before posting.
- In addition to the media, radio, and flyers, social networking sites such as Facebook are another good way to get the word out.
- Distribute your information (fact sheets and an overview of the week's events) to community organizations.
- E-mail can be a great reminder as Awareness Week draws closer. Urge each community organization to participate: encourage them to participate by joining a canned food drive, promoting Awareness Week within their organization, and/or sending at least a few representatives to each event.
- Enlist students or community residents to announce Awareness Week and the events to their classes or at work. Professors and employers are usually very supportive of this idea and should not mind giving a couple of minutes of class time to promote National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.
- If you are on a college campus, use chalk on well-traveled sidewalks.

Remember to keep the National Coalition for the Homeless informed about your community's Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week!

Contact: Speakers' Bureau Coordinator

Phone: (202)462-4822 x222

Email: speakersbureau@nationalhomeless.org

Remember!

During National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, as community members begin to really think about hunger and homelessness issues, it is crucial that you provide information on how they can take action after Awareness Week has concluded. Provide them with the following information and any other material that you believe is important for your own community.

- The name, address, email, and phone number of a local shelter at which they can volunteer.
- The names, addresses and phone numbers of local, state, and national homeless coalitions and advocacy groups which they can join. Contact the national organizations listed at the end of this packet to be referred to their local affiliates.
- Information about writing Members of Congress.
- Information about Alternative Breaks, which allow community members to spend a weeklong break doing service. Call **BreakAway at (800) 903-0646** or **<http://alternativebreaks.org>** for more information.

Wrapping-Up Awareness Week

When National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week has concluded, there will still be a few loose ends that you will need to tie up. First, remember to send thank you letters to all of your contacts and your support network. You or other Awareness Week organizers will probably refer to these same people in the future. Also, meet with your team to discuss what went right and what went wrong during Awareness Week. Make sure everyone evaluates their own project, as well as how they viewed Awareness Week as a whole. Gather these individual and group evaluations to comprise a resource folder—one that you and other groups will be able to refer to in following years. This resource will allow you to have a foundation upon which to build your future Awareness Weeks.

AND...

Don't forget to contact the National Coalition for the Homeless and let us know how your Awareness Week was received by the community – send us newspaper clippings, posters, commentary and other news!

APPENDIX A-1

SAMPLE NEWS RELEASE

ATTENTION LOCAL MEDIA
November 1, 2011

Contact: (Your Name)
(Local Group Name)
(123) 555-HHAW

On Tuesday, November 15, 2011, (Local Group Name) will be sponsoring a Faces of Homelessness forum as part of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. The forum will be held at (place) at (time). The forum will include the following guest speakers:

Ms. _____, homeless mother of two living in (your city or state).
Mr. _____, homeless man living in (your city or state).
Ms. _____, director of your city or statewide homeless/housing coalition.
Mr. _____, director of a local shelter in (your city or state).
_____, president of your student hunger/homelessness organization

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week (November 13-19) is a national endeavor to promote education, action, and awareness about hunger and homelessness. (Local Group Name) is sponsoring this important effort in (your community). Other events include a "One Night Without a Home," (date), a canned food drive, and a Hunger Banquet (date).

For more information, please call (Your Name) at (your number).
Thank you for your time and attention.

****Note:** Distribute similar news releases for each of your events. Perhaps you might choose to submit a news release that presents an overview of the entire week and then submit an individual news release for each event.

APPENDIX A-2

SAMPLE PROCLAMATION

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 12-20, 2011 AS
NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK IN
_____.

By Your City Council/Mayor/County/Commission: _____

Date Proclamation Issued: _____

WHEREAS, for the past several years the National Coalition for the Homeless and National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness have sponsored National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless including the shortage of affordable housing in _____ for very low income residents; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and

WHEREAS, there are many organizations committed to sheltering, providing supportive services as well as meals and food supplies to the homeless including: _____, _____, _____; and

WHEREAS, the theme of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week 2011 is "Bringing America Home," and

WHEREAS, the _____ recognize that hunger and homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in _____; and

WHEREAS, the intent of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is consistent with the activities of _____ (local organizations).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the _____ hereby proclaims November 12-20, 2011 as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the _____ encourages all citizens to recognize that many people do not have housing and need support from citizens, and private/public nonprofit service entities.

APPENDIX A-3

SAMPLE WEEK

A major component of scheduling for Awareness Week is to begin with “kick-off” events and work up to the larger events, even if you have only a couple of activities planned for the week. Planning your community’s Awareness Week in this manner allows residents in your community to increase their involvement as the week progresses. By doing this, you should have greater participation for your larger events.

Below is an outline of a possible National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. This sample has been compiled from campuses and communities that have previously held an Awareness Week. *Your organization should determine how many and which events will be the most appropriate for your community.* Remember, if you are new to planning an awareness week, one or two focused events will be more effective than five or six marginally organized events. Refer back to the “Suggested Activities” section (p.10) for more event ideas and details about the events listed below.

Weekend

Hold a “Homelessness Saturday or Sunday.” Have religious institutions such as churches, synagogues, temples, and mosques focus their religious services on homelessness/poverty issues.

Monday

Have a kick-off event to start a money-raising or canned food/blanket drive competition.

Tuesday

Faces of Homelessness Speakers’ Panel

Wednesday

“One Night without a Home” Awareness Sleep Out

Thursday

Oxfam America’s Hunger Banquet and/or Dining Hall Fast

Friday

1. Think Globally, Act locally - Lobbying in your own town! See [Appendix C](#) for more information.

2. End-of-the-week benefit festival. Have local musicians, canned food for admission, donation collection, and information on how people can continue to be involved in hunger and homelessness issues.

Saturday

Organize a group to work at various community service sites as part of Community Service Day. Throughout the week, have sign-up sheets available.

Saturday/Sunday

Set up a Homeless Challenge Project, see [Appendix B-3](#) for details.

APPENDIX B-1

FACES OF HOMELESSNESS PANEL

What is a Faces Panel?

A Faces Panel provides an opportunity for dialogue between homeless or formerly homeless persons with those who want to learn more about homelessness. The Panel members speak about their experiences and answer questions from the audience.

Why do a Faces Panel?

The Faces Panel makes a very powerful impact on those who attend. People are provided with a personal connection to the homeless statistics that they have heard. Myths can be dispelled and stereotypes can be broken down as the audience gets a chance to interact with homeless people. Audience members can listen to the perspectives and stories of those who are homeless and hear their ideas for solutions to hunger and homelessness issues.

Tips for Recruiting Homeless People as Speakers:

- If you know homeless people who would like to speak, ask them directly.
- Send letters to/call your local shelters asking them if someone from their shelter would like to speak. It's good to get a few "success stories" of people who are no longer homeless, as well as stories of people who are currently homeless. If you contact the shelter, you need to make follow-up calls to make sure the speakers will come. Sometimes shelters are not willing to let their clients speak. Shelters that house women fleeing domestic abuse, families, or youth, often want their clients to concentrate on their own problems and are sometimes protective. If possible, organize a diverse group of speakers (age, race, sex, homeless/formerly homeless).
- Make sure to arrange transportation for your speakers; this can include giving them bus/cab fare or simply picking them up. Sometimes the shelter will assign a staff member/volunteer to transport the client to and from the event.
- Make sure to contact the shelter and inform them that a resident will be speaking on your campus, and ensure that the speaker(s) will not lose their beds for the night if they return late.
- Be sure to compensate the homeless/formerly homeless speakers with an honorarium: \$40 is a suggested amount for local speakers, but feel free to give more.
- Invite the homeless/formerly homeless speakers to eat in your school cafeteria before the event.

Other Advice:

- Make sure to get the community and campus media to cover the event. Consider videotaping the panel.

- To get the speakers started, meet with them beforehand and ask that they address the following in their presentations:
 - If they are formerly homeless —*
 - What their life was like before homelessness
 - What their life was like while they were homeless
 - What brought them out of homelessness
 - How are their current life circumstances
 - If the speakers are currently homeless –*
 - What their life was like before homelessness
 - What it is like to be homeless
 - What their hopes and dreams are for the future

- Take questions from the floor. Let the audience know that no question is off limits. You should mention that some speakers will get a little emotional or riled up if posed with certain questions. Expect tears when people are asked about their contact/relationships with family. Francine, a speaker for the National Coalition for the Homeless, invited a student to give her a hug after the student said, with tears running down her face, that she was sorry that her mother gave her the wrong perception of homeless people. Another speaker, John, wrote a song about being homeless and not one eye in a room was dry after it was performed.

- Obtain a moderator to introduce the speakers. This moderator should be someone that knows about homelessness on a local or national level. It can be a student homeless activist. It is sometimes hard for homeless people to relate to people with homes, and vice versa. Therefore, it is necessary for the moderator to act as a bridge between the two. The moderator can also interject statistics and other important information in between the stories of the speakers. Generally, the moderator is a local advocate/student who is working on homelessness issues.

For more information, contact with the National Coalition for the Homeless at (202) 462-4822 x222 or speakersbureau@nationalhomeless.org

APPENDIX B-2

“ONE NIGHT WITHOUT A HOME”

“One Night Without a Home” Awareness Sleep Out takes place nationally during Awareness Week.

The “One Night” is an opportunity for residents to spend a night outside to discuss, reflect on, and learn about homelessness. Although a single night outside can in no way simulate homelessness, this awareness-raising activity can promote advocacy, protest, and education.

Format

- “One Night Without a Home” usually lasts for about 12 hours, such as from 7pm until morning
- Develop your mission statement. Address the questions of who, what, where, when, and why?
- Make sure to receive permission right away from your city or county officials and community/school administrators concerning location, security, and other logistics.
- Invite homeless/formerly homeless people, community leaders, residents and community spokespersons to speak.
- Choose an appropriate site (central to community activities).
- Ask local businesses for donations (food, drinks, supplies, money).
- Ask other groups to co-sponsor the event, such as organizations (e.g. Food Not Bombs, Habitat for Humanity) that can serve food to homeless guests.
- Prepare group discussion topics that will promote interaction among all participants.
- Begin the night with a vigil or a march to draw attention, and participants, to the event.
- Include information for participants to act upon what they’ve learned (community service, letter writing, advocacy organizations).
- In the morning, allow time for participants to share their thoughts and concerns.

Sample Agenda

6:00 p.m.	Gather participants and provide transportation for homeless/formerly homeless guests
7:00 p.m.	Serve coffee and/or a meal
8:00 p.m.	Speakers/candlelight vigil/music
9:00 p.m.	Discussion groups
11:00 p.m.	Late night food line/music
7:00 a.m.	Breakfast /closing remarks/wrap-up

Additional suggestions

- Be mindful of what you bring. Keep in mind the situation that you are simulating; do not bring any objects that those without a home most likely lack. Do not bring cell phones, laptop computers, I-pads or portable radios. Stay away from having pizza delivered. For college groups, alcoholic beverages are not allowed.
- Contact local shelters or homeless advocates about bringing homeless people to your event. Ask these contacts to participate in the Night as well.
- Ask local musicians to play. Music brings people together.
- Distribute fact sheets and information about hunger and homelessness and the other events for Awareness Week.
- Make sure to recruit other people to participate in your early planning stages. Ask homeless/formerly homeless people, students, faculty, and community members.
- Invite the media.
- Post a list of rules on the night of the event. These may include: (1) no drugs or alcohol, (2) do not interrupt those who are speaking, (3) respect all views, (4) do not leave the site. Also, post and announce the agenda, people in charge, bathroom locations, indoor sites, food and first aid stations. You may choose to put a container out for donations. Have a facilitator to mediate any disputes that may arise.
- Set aside some time for group discussion about hunger and homelessness in your community and/or in the nation. Provide paper and pencils for people to jot down their ideas. This is a good time to promote future projects, such as a day of fasting.

Wrap-Up

Appoint a committee to draft a group resolution based on the discussions that night. Establish a common ground for participants who would like to take future action. Collect names, phone numbers, and email addresses of people for future reference and provide access to information on local service sites.

For more information, contact the National Coalition for the Homeless at (202) 462-4822

APPENDIX B-3

HOMELESS CHALLENGE PROJECT

Challenge the people and leaders of your community to take a Homeless Challenge (formerly called the urban plunge), a life-altering experience with the power to effect change. This program asks individuals from economically privileged backgrounds to give up every day things (i.e. cell phones, warm bed, and shelter), and live on the streets as a person experiencing homelessness. The experience typically lasts for 48 hours.

The Homeless Challenge serves as an educational tool providing awareness to those who participate. While a participant cannot experience homelessness entirely, when a bed and food awaits them at home, the Challenge does offer insight into the life of a person without a home – waiting in soup lines, walking great distances to access services, and feeling ‘invisible’ to those who are not homeless.

How to Begin

- For a detailed manual about the Homeless Challenge as coordinated by the National Coalition for the Homeless in Washington, DC contact:

Speakers Bureau Coordinator

Phone: (202) 462-4822 x222; Fax: (202) 462-4823

Email: speakersbureau@nationalhomeless.org

- The Homeless Challenge works best if coordinated with guides (either currently homeless or formerly homeless peoples) who can stay throughout the night with participants for security reasons. Make sure to recruit enough guides such that each guide stays with a maximum of five participants to avoid large crowds which might draw attention. In addition, a small ratio of guides to participants allows for each participant to partake in genuine conversation with a person who is experiencing or has experienced homelessness, as well as share their day’s experiences with their guide and with the other participants.

Contact local shelters for recommendations of potential guides and to notify staff of your plans. For contact information of local shelters or homeless coalitions, contact the National Coalition for the Homeless.

http://www.nationalhomeless.org/directories/directory_advocacy.pdf

Remember to offer an honorarium to your guides – i.e. \$50 per guide, per night

Personal Preparation Tips

- Dress in your worst clothes; they should be old/comfortable, items you won't mind getting dirty.
- Bring along one piece of ID and bury it in your sock
- Wear no jewelry or watches.

- Refrain from taking a shower for at least two days before beginning the challenge. No cologne, deodorant or use of scented soap. Rub unscented baby oil into your hair to make it look as though your hair hasn't been washed in some time.
For men: don't shave for five days before starting the homeless challenge.
- Wear extra layers of clothes even if it is warm out. Homeless people wear extra clothes as they have no place to store clothes in the daytime and it keeps them warm at night.
- Wear roughed-up old shoes.
- Bring along a sheet of cardboard to use as a mattress. Or this will be one of the items you search for upon hitting the streets.
- Bring along an old blanket. Sleeping bags are okay, such as the flannel ones, but do not use state-of-the-art down sleeping bags. A sheet of plastic or a black garbage bag will also be useful in case of rain or snow.
- Women are encouraged to bring along sanitary napkins, as shelters do not always have these items available for free.
- Bring along a pack of cigarettes, plus a lighter, to share with homeless people. Giving someone a cigarette is a good way to start a conversation, but you don't need to take up smoking during the homeless challenge.

Activities to Take Part in During Your Homeless Challenge Experience

- Talk with and listen to other homeless people
- Beg for money. Challenge participants are sometimes reluctant to do this. We're taught that nothing in life is free, that it's better not to ask people for anything. Panhandle rich and poor alike. You're likely to get a better response from the so-called "working poor". Split up, but keep your partner in sight. Panhandle for at least two hours. Re-group to see who was the most successful and what techniques worked best. After completing the challenge, you may give the money that you collect to other homeless people you encounter on the streets or to your local host organization who will see it gets to the unsheltered homeless
- Sleep outside. Don't expect to get much sleep as the police or private security guards might chase you off.
- **Do not stay in shelters** as you may be taking away a bed from someone who really needs it. Sleep outside, regardless of the weather, with the unsheltered homeless. However, hang out in, or in front of, shelters, day centers, etc. to get to know your fellow homeless people.
- Go into cafeterias and fast food restaurants to look for food scraps left on the tables. Don't ask for permission from the manager. Use a plastic bag. Eat the food and stay in the facility until the manager runs you out.
- Go to restaurants and ask if you could sweep the sidewalk for a free sandwich.
- Go into restaurants, hotels, office buildings and ask if you could use the restroom.
- Eat your meals at local soup kitchens. In most cities finding food is a relatively easy endeavor so don't worry about eating food meant for homeless people, as there is plenty of food to be found while on the streets. Even if you are not hungry, go to the soup kitchens anyway. This will allow you to interact with other homeless people and familiarize yourself with the various food programs in the city.
- Some religious organizations nationwide still require homeless people to attend services as a condition for getting a meal or a bed for the night. To feel how homeless people are

treated by religious institutions, sit in on a mandatory religious service.

- Find a highly visible place to sleep (e.g. park bench, heat/steam grate, bus stop bench). Go to these places late at night to guarantee you are not taking away someone's favorite spot. If this somehow happens, give up your spot and move somewhere else. Have your partner stay awake at all times. Do this in two-hour shifts.
- Go dumpster diving in search of food and recyclable materials. You might be shocked by the "abundance from the streets." Watch out for needles. Use a stick instead of your hands. If you must use your hands, borrow a pair of gloves.
- Apply for work at fast food restaurants. Tell them you live in a well-known local shelter or live on the streets. Tell them that you don't have an address, but you are willing to come back daily to find out if there are any job openings.

Candidate Challenge

When planning a Homeless Challenge extend the Challenge to political candidates, incumbents, and public officials. Contact these local, state, and national political figures to offer them a chance to see how public policy directly affects the homeless and low-income people. In the end, this program might garner the necessary political will to end poverty and homelessness in the United States.

For the Candidate Homeless Challenge, possible alternatives include:

Homeless Challenge (Short Version): Same as the above, but anywhere from *12 to 24 hours*. Participants can eat at soup kitchens and panhandle. We suggest that this challenge be taken at night.

Listening Session: Candidates/public officials, homeless/formerly homeless persons, service providers, and/or advocates have a moderated, frank discussion about public policy, homelessness, poverty issues, etc., as well as the root causes and solutions to ending homelessness/poverty.

“Walk a Mile in My Shoes”: Participants are paired with a homeless or formerly homeless person and will spend a half day, or full day together having lunch at a soup kitchen, going to a day-labor office, sharing where they sleep for the night, or just trying to access social services. This is an opportunity for the participant to share quality time with someone who is homeless, someone that will share their struggles and hardships of life on the streets.

APPENDIX B-4

MIDNIGHT RUN

Get a group together and distribute food, clothing or toiletries to those in need on the streets.

1. Find out who is interested and advertise the opportunity to everyone in the community.
2. Pick a date and time (early evening usually works best for most people).
3. Decide what you want to distribute, either clothing, food, toiletries or a combination of these. Either collect the supplies by having a drive, or purchase what you don't collect'. Then make bags to organize the donations so they are easy to distribute.
4. Go out on foot or via vehicle onto the streets in your community and engage in conversation with those whom you encounter and ask them if they would like one of the bags

Remember: The dialogue/conversation you have with each person you meet on the streets is the most important part of the Midnight Run.

For more information please check out this website <http://midnightrun.org/howto.php>
A typical outreach run will last for up to two hours, but it depends on how many things you have and how many people you encounter.

APPENDIX B-5

OXFAM AMERICA'S DINING HALL FAST

This event is great for high school and college campuses that offer meal plans.

“Dining halls on most campuses are operated by a food service company that contracts with the school to prepare and serve students’ meals. On the day of your Dining Hall Fast, students agree to give up one meal, and the food service company agrees to donate a percentage of the cost of that meal to Oxfam. In most cases, the company cannot donate the full cost, since it needs to cover their normal overhead expenses, including paying dining hall staff. Some students have successfully arranged to collect the unused portions of student meal plans at the end of each semester and donate those funds to Oxfam.” (www.oxfamamerica.org)

Go to www.oxfamamerica.org for more detailed information and download a free toolkit.

Guidelines

- *Start early.* Begin your planning four to eight weeks ahead to ensure the dining hall has plenty of time to prepare, and you have plenty of time to publicize.
- *Contact your school's dining service.* Talk with the food service director and explain the details of the fast and what you need from the dining service.
- *Recruit Help.* Gather volunteers to help sign-up fasters, staff information tables, and get the word out.
- *Publicize.* Put up posters, hand out brochures, and set up information tables. Oxfam can provide the materials you need. Send a press release to campus and local media or place an ad in your school newspaper. Get the president of your school or a prominent guest to join your Dining Hall Fast.
- *Educate.* Help participants understand why their involvement is essential. Visit Oxfam's web site— www.oxfamamerica.org/actfast —for free materials you can pass out at your event.

Wrap-Up

- After the Fast, send thank you letters to the food service staff and other contributors. Tell them to include their names and contact information with their donations to Oxfam America. Make sure you receive a photocopy of the check for your records.
- Evaluate your event. Record what went well and what did not for future reference.

If you are interested in this event, please contact:

Oxfam America

Attn: ACT FAST

226 Causeway Street, 5th Floor

Boston, MA 02114-2206

Email: actfast@oxfamamerica.org,

Toll Free: 800-77-OXFAM (800-776-9326) Fax: (617) 728-2573

Website: www.oxfamamerica.org

HUNGER BANQUET

Another fund/awareness-raising event recommend by Oxfam America is a Hunger Banquet. An Oxfam America Hunger Banquet dramatizes the unequal distribution of food in the world. The Banquet will leave many hungry, some with just enough, and very few with full stomachs. Money is raised through a standard admission charge and/or by gathering donations.

Hunger Banquet participants are randomly assigned to one of three socio-economic levels that represent proportional global standards-of-living. Out of every 100 people, 15 enjoy a full-course meal complete with royal treatment, 25 sit in a simple setting and eat a meager meal (such as rice and beans), and the remaining 60 share rice, without utensils, while sitting on the floor.

Steps

- Call **Oxfam America at 800-77-OXFAM**. The Fast Team will provide you with materials and help you organize a Hunger Banquet.
- Gather interested people in your Awareness Week team to help co-coordinate the event.
- Establish a time and place. For example, school cafeterias and student unions are ideal locations, but will require agreements with the administration and dining service.
- Invite local celebrities to the event—local media stars will generate publicity and greater public response.
- Ask local restaurants to donate food.
- Send invitations with RSVPs. The invitations should include endorsers, special guests, and sponsors.
- Prepare the materials for the event. These materials include fact sheets (you can get information about global hunger from Oxfam America), menus, posters, a program (check with Oxfam America for a suggested script), and colored or numbered tickets (15% high-income, 25% middle-income, and 60% low-income).
- Publicize! Send out news releases and use other publicity strategies (see the media section in this packet) to gather as many participants as possible.
- On the day of the banquet, set up the room accordingly. Make sure the first group has an elaborate setting and service, while the third group has only the bare essentials.

For more information about this event, please contact:

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Boston, MA 02114 - 2206

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Website: www.oxfamamerica.org

APPENDIX B-6

OFFERING OF LETTERS

Bread for the World is an advocacy organization which lobbies for public policies that address the needs of hungry and poor people in our nation and around the world. Each year, Bread for the World sponsors an Offering of Letters campaign. In this campaign, participants write letters to Members of Congress in order to impact policy decisions. Contact Bread for the World for their specific focus for this year, 2011. Start by using their website: www.bread.org/OL

- Publicize extensively before the actual letter writing campaign. As with other events during National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, send out news releases, post flyers, and utilize other media. This way, community members will know both locations and times to either write a letter or drop one off.
- Decide when you would like to have an Offering of Letters campaign during Awareness Week. Some communities set up a booth for one day, while other communities have distributed letter writing information following the events during Awareness Week.
- Find names and contact information of Congressional representatives for your district.
- Ask local businesses and sponsors to buy postage, envelopes, pens, and paper.
- Handwritten letters are best; draft a sample letter that community members can replicate - please contact Bread for the World for sample letters. Some community members may have never written to their Congressional representatives so make this experience as convenient and straightforward as possible to encourage successive letter writing.
- Provide information about hunger and homelessness during the letter writing so that community members can include compelling statistics/facts in their letters on the need for supportive legislation. You can obtain this information from Bread for the World.
- Urge community members to continue their political action through voting, by writing letters to, calling, and visiting local Congressional representatives.

To receive an Offering of Letters kit and more information about Bread for the World, please contact:

Bread for the World

50 F Street, NW, # 500

Washington, DC 20001

Phone: (202) 639-9400 and (800) 82-BREAD

Fax: (202) 639-9401

Email: bread@bread.org

Website: www.bread.org/OL

APPENDIX C

LOBBYING FAQ

What is lobbying?

While it may seem complicated, lobbying is simply influencing legislation (local, state, or national) and/or influencing administrative actions. Lobbying can take the form of direct meetings, phone calls, letters, and e-mail. For more information on letter writing as lobbying refer to the Bread for the World Letter Offering section above. This section will focus on how to set up direct meetings and speak with elected officials.

Who/where can I lobby if I don't live in DC?

Raising awareness and ending homelessness needs to happen at all levels of government. Consider visiting state senators and representatives, mayors, and other local officials. Federal senators and representatives have local offices in their districts as well, if you are really passionate about a piece of federal legislation. Remember, you may not be able to set up a meeting directly with an elected official, but ask to speak with a staffer or aid who deals with homelessness and hunger issues.

How do I Prepare?

You should pick your topics, no more than two or three that you want to address. Then do some research so that you feel comfortable discussing the issue. If you're nervous, practice talking to others before you go. Also, consider what your goal for the meeting is: for example, a commitment to cosponsor a bill, vote in favor of a bill, or to take a leadership role on an issue. Also gather some background information on the official you will be speaking with. Find out where they have stood on past issues. Make sure to acknowledge/thank them for past support if applicable during the meeting as this will show them that you are informed and serious.

What topics should I bring to elected officials?

You don't have to talk about a specific piece of legislation. It is appropriate to discuss homelessness, hunger, or poverty in general, but do be specific on the actions that you would like to see taken. For current policy recommendations visit the NCH website at www.nationalhomeless.org/advocacy. The website breaks down issues into four different areas: civil rights, housing justice, economic justice, and health care justice.

What Should I Say or Do?

- Make sure you identify yourself as a constituent, and as a participant in a Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.
- Go in a small but diverse group (no more than five people) to show that a wide range of citizens care about hunger and homelessness.
- Be concise and clear and answer questions as best as possible.

- Make sure to tell them what your opinions are and share any relevant personal experiences.
- It is best to listen closely and provide information when you can. Consider taking a notepad with you and jotting down some key points during the conversation. This will also show you're listening and interested in what they are saying. The meeting should be a dialogue not an attack or a rant.
- Feel free to make a one page fact sheet to leave with the office so they have a reminder of what was said.

What Should I NOT Say or Do?

- Don't overwhelm an elected official or their staffers. Keep your group to five or less.
- Don't be disrespectful, argumentative, or confrontational. They may not agree with you on this issue, but if you're negative they may not listen to you in the future.
- Don't make up facts. It is okay to say, "I don't know, I'll have to get back to you on that" if you can't answer a question. Just be sure to actually follow up with information you promised.

Okay, so I Visited my Elected Official, Now What?

Send a follow-up letter thanking them for their time. Reiterate your opinion, and if they made any commitments during the meeting, repeat your understanding of their plan of action.

APPENDIX D

ORGANIZATIONAL CONTACTS

The following includes a list of national organizations that could provide you further information and support for organizing National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in your community.

Bread for the World

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Washington, DC 20001
Phone: (202) 639-9400 and (800) 82-BREAD
Fax: (202) 639-9401
Email: bread@bread.org
Website: www.bread.org/OL
(Offering of Letters)

Break Away

2451 Cumberland Parkway
Suite 3124
Atlanta, GA 30339
Toll Free (800)-903-0646
Email: breakaway@alternativebreaks.org
Website: www.alternativebreaks.org
(Alternative Breaks)

Church World Service

28606 Phillips Street
P.O. Box 968
Elkhart, IN 46515
Email: info@churchworldservice.org
Phone: 574-264-3102
Toll Free: 1-800-297-1516
Fax: (574) 262-0966
(CROP Walk)

Empty Bowls

P.O. Box 1689
Burnsville, NC 28714
Email: imagineRen@yahoo.com
Phone: 828-675-9636
(Empty Bowls event)

Habitat for Humanity

Contact affiliates in your area.
Information can be found at: www.habitat.org
Phone: 1-800-422-4828
Email: publicinfo@hfhi.org
*For information about youth or collegiate volunteering: www.habitatyouthprograms.org.
(Building/Renovating Homes)

National Coalition for the Homeless

2201 P St., NW
Washington, DC 20037-1033
Phone: (202) 462-4822 x222
Fax: (202) 462-4823
Email: speakersbureau@nationalhomeless.org
Website: www.nationalhomeless.org

National Student Campaign Against Hunger & Homelessness

National Organizing Office:
407 S. Dearborn, Suite 701
Chicago, IL 60605
Phone: (312) 544-4436
Fax: (312) 275-7150
Website: www.studentsagainsthunger.org
Contact: Megan Fitzgerald
megan@studentsagainsthunger.org

Oxfam America

Oxfam America
Attn: ACT FAST
226 Causeway St., 5th Floor
Boston, MA 02114-2206
Toll Free: 800-77-OXFAM (800-776-9326)
Fax: (617) 728-2594
Email: actfast@oxfamamerica.org
Website: www.oxfamamerica.org
(Fast for a World Harvest and Hunger Banquet)

APPENDIX E-1

Books on Hunger, Homelessness, and Poverty:

- Kurt Borchard, *Homeless in Las Vegas: Stories from the Street* (2011).
- Eve Bunting and Ronald Himler, *Fly Away Home* (2004) [for children].
- Teresa Gowan, *Hobos, Hustlers, and Backsliders: Homeless in San Francisco* (2010).
- Ron Hall & Denver Moore, *Same Kind of Different as Me* (2006).
- Rufus Hannah & Barry M. Soper, *A Bum Deal: An Unlikely Journey from Hopeless to Humanitarian* (2010).
- David Harris, *Street Corner Majesty* (2009).
- Randall G. Holcombe & Benjamin Powell (eds.), *Housing America: Building Out of a Crisis* (2009).
- Kim Hopper, *Reckoning with Homelessness* (2003).
- Jerrilyn J. Johnson, *Mommy, Are We Homeless?* (2003) [for children].
- Michael B. Katz, *In the Shadow of the Poorhouse: A Social History of Welfare in America* (1996).
- Cathryn B. Kaye, *A Kids' Guide to Hunger & Homelessness : How to Take Action* (2007) [for children].
- Michelle Kennedy, *Without a Net: Middle Class and Homeless (with Kids) in America* (2005).
- Richard LeMieux, *Breakfast at Sally's: One Homeless Man's Inspirational Journey* (2008).
- David Levinson, *Homelessness Handbook* (2007).
- Jay S. Levy, *Homeless Narratives & Pretreatment Pathways: From Words to Housing* (2010).
- Brendan O'Flaherty, *Making Room: The Economics of Homelessness* (1996).
- Street Sense, *Street Verses: Poems by the Homeless Writers and Vendors of Street Sense* (2007).
- Laura Stivers, *Disrupting Homelessness: Alternative Christian Approaches* (2011).
- Richard R. Troxell, *Looking Up at the Bottom Line: The Struggle for the Living Wage!* (2010).
- Donald H. Whitehead, Jr., *Most Unlikely to Succeed* (2011).

APPENDIX E-2

Movies/Documentaries:

"Easy Street" (2006).

"Homeless to Harvard: The Liz Murray Story" (2006).

"Pursuit of Happyness" (2006).

"The Soloist" (2009).

"The Blind Side" (2009).

"Faces of Homelessness I"

"Faces of Homelessness II"

"The National Coalition for the Homeless: Bringing America Home"

"Have You Seen Clem: A True Story... Sorta" (2005).

"Civil Indigent" (2010).

"Sympathy for Delicious" (2011).

APPENDIX F

Participating Schools

Alabama

Birmingham Southern
University
Samford University

Arkansas

Hendrix College
Lyon College
University of Central
Arkansas

Arizona

Arcadia High School
Glendale Community
College
Paradise Valley Community
College

California

California State University,
Monterey Bay
California State University,
Northridge
California State University,
Sacramento
Chapman University
Claremont McKenna
College
Loyola Marymount
University
Norris Academy
Occidental College
Pepperdine University
St. Mary's College of
California
Sonoma State College
Stanford University
University of California,
Berkeley
University of California,
Davis
University of California,

Irvine
University of California,

Los Angeles
University of California,
San Diego
University of California,
Santa Barbara
University of California,
Santa Cruz
University of Judaism
University of San Diego
University of Southern
California

Colorado

Adams State College
Colorado College
Regis University
University of Colorado
at Boulder
University of Denver
University of Northern
Colorado
Western State College

Connecticut

Central Connecticut
State University
Connecticut College
Eastern Connecticut
State University
Fairfield University
Hall High School
Quinnipiac University
Sacred Heart University
St. Joseph's College
Three Rivers
Community College
Trinity College
University of
Connecticut, Bridgeport

University of Connecticut,
Hartford
University of Connecticut,
Storrs
Wesleyan University
Yale University

District of Columbia

American University
Catholic University
George Washington
University
Georgetown University
Howard University
Trinity University

Delaware

University of Delaware

Florida

Emory Riddle Aeronautical
University
Hillsborough Community
College
Jacksonville University
Stetson University
Trinity College
University of Central Florida
University of Miami
University of Tampa

Georgia

Berry College
Georgia Tech
Morehouse College
Spelman College

Iowa

Buena Vista University
Cornell College

Iowa State University
Wartburg College

Idaho

Boise State University

Illinois

DePaul University
Illinois State University
McKendree University

Millikin University
North Park University
Rockford College
University of Chicago
University of Illinois,
Urbana-Champaign

Indiana

Bethel College
Earlham College
Indiana University,
Bloomington
Manchester College
St Mary's College

Kansas

Bethany College
University of Kansas

Kentucky

Berea College
Centre College
Georgetown College
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville

Louisiana

Loyola University
Tulane University
Xavier University

Massachusetts

Amherst College
Assumption College
Bentley College
Berkshire Community
College
Boston College

Boston University
Brandeis University
Bristol Community
College
Clark University
College of the Holy
Cross
Elms College
Emerson College
Fitchburg State College
Framingham State
College
Greenfield Community
College
Holyoke Community
College
Lesley College
Massachusetts Bay
Community College
Massachusetts College
of Art
Massachusetts College
of Liberal Arts
Merrimack College
Middlesex Community
College
Mt. Holyoke College
Mt. Wachusett
Community College
North Shore Community
College
Pine Manor College
Salem State College
Simmons College
Smith College
Springfield College
Springfield Technical
Community College
Stonehill College
Tufts University
University of
Massachusetts,
Amherst
University of
Massachusetts, Boston
University of
Massachusetts,
Dartmouth
Western New England
College
Westfield State College

Williams College
Worcester State College

Maryland

College of Notre Dame
Frostburg State University
Goucher College
Loyola College
St. Mary's College
Washington College

University of Maryland,
Baltimore County
University of Maryland,
College Park
Washington College

Maine

Bates College
Bowdoin College
Colby College
Eastern Maine Technical
College
St. Joseph's College
University of Maine,
Farmington
University of Southern
Maine

Michigan

Central Michigan University
Eastern Michigan University
Michigan State University
University of Michigan
Western Michigan
University

Minnesota

Augsburg College
Bethel College
Carleton College
Gustavos Adolphus College
St. John's University

Missouri

Meramac Community
College
Washington University
Westminster College

Mississippi

Millsaps College

Montana

Montana State University,
Billings

University of Great Falls

North Carolina

Appalachian State
University
Belmont Abbey College
Davidson College
Elon College
Guilford College
Lees-McRae College
North Carolina State
University
Pfeiffer University
University of North Carolina,
Charlotte
Wake Forest University
Warren Wilson College
Western Carolina University

Nebraska

Creighton University

New Hampshire

Dartmouth College
Keene State College
Merrimack College
New Hampshire Technical
College
Plymouth State College
St. Anselm College
University of New
Hampshire

New Jersey

Benjamin Franklin Middle
School
College of New Jersey
Drew University
Princeton University
Ramapo College
The Richard Stockton
College of New Jersey

Ridgewood High School
Robert Wood Johnson
University

Rutgers College, New
Brunswick
Rutgers University,
Busch
Rutgers University,
Camden
Rutgers University,
Cook
Rutgers University,
Douglas
Rutgers University,
Livingston
Rutgers University,
Newark
St. Peter's College

New Mexico

University of New
Mexico, Gallup
United World College

New York

Barnard College
Canisius College
Columbia University
College of Mount Saint
Vincent
College of New
Rochelle
Cornell University
Fordham University
Hamilton College
Hartwick College
Hobart and William
Smith College
Hostos Community
College
Hunter College
Ithaca College
Manhattanville College
Mt. Saint Mary's College
Pace University
Orange County
Community College
Sienna College
St. John's University
SUNY, Albany
SUNY, Courtland

Syracuse University
Vassar College

Ohio

Baldwin Wallace College
Bowling Green State
University
Lourdes College
John Carroll University
Kent State University
Muskingum College
Oberlin College
Ohio State University
Ohio Wesleyan
University of Dayton

Oregon

Central Oregon Community
College
Concordia University
Lane Community College
Lewis and Clark College
Linfield College
Pacific University
Portland State University
Southern Oregon University
University of Oregon
University of Portland

Pennsylvania

Allegheny College
Bloomsburg University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Bucks County Community
College
Cabrin College
Dickinson College
Duquesne University
Gettysburg College
Haverford College
King's College
Kutztown University
Lafayette College
LaSalle University
Lehigh University
Messiah College
Muhlenberg College
Millersville University
Rosemont College

St Joseph's University
Slippery Rock University
Swarthmore College
Temple University
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Scranton
Villanova University
Waynesburg College
Wilkes University

Rhode Island

Brown University
Johnson and Wales
University
Roger Williams University
University of Rhode Island

South Carolina

Wofford College

Tennessee

Belmont University
Carson-Newman College
Maryville College
Rhodes College
Vanderbilt University

Texas

Texas A&M University
University of Texas, Austin

Utah

Salt Lake Community
College
University of Utah

Virginia

College of William and Mary
Emory and Henry College
Ferrum College
George Mason University
James Madison University
Lynchburg College
Northern Virginia
Community College
University of Richmond
University of Virginia
Washington and Lee
University

Vermont

Bennington College
Community College of
Vermont
Green Mountain College
Johnson State College
Middlebury College
Norwich University
Southern Vermont
College
St Michael's College
University of Vermont

Washington

The Evergreen State
College
Pacific Lutheran
University
Seattle Pacific
University
University of Puget
Sound,
University of
Washington

Wisconsin

Marquette University
University of Wisconsin,
Madison
University of Wisconsin,
Milwaukee
University of Wisconsin,
Parkside
University of Wisconsin,
River Falls
University of Wisconsin,
Sheboygan
University of Wisconsin,
Steven's Point

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