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NCH Newsletter

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Campaign Update, News from the Field, and Why Donors Give

Dear {FIRST_NAME|Friend},

The National Coalition for the Homeless (NCH) would like to thank all of our supporters for making [Crisis Hidden in Plain View](#) a great awareness campaign and a fundraising success! Our campaign goal was to match a \$30,000 anonymous donation. Thanks to your generous support and participation, we were able to exceed our goal and raise \$70,000 (133%) towards outreach and engagement of homeless families & individuals as well as those who are at-risk of becoming un-housed.

The campaign is finished, but at NCH, a new portrait hangs as a solemn reminder that the crisis hidden in plain view is far from over. It is a beautiful rendition of Mr. Norris T. Gaynor, an average, ordinary American who was murdered in 2006 by a group of young men who only saw him as an object to be hated. The portrait represents the thousands of un-housed children and adults who, in spite of living in a country of laws and protections, continue to be victims of homeless hate crimes.

Through your support, we will continue to tirelessly deliver cutting edge research and provocative reporting on affordable housing, living-wage incomes, healthcare and human rights.

We're looking forward to building on the momentum of the *Crisis Hidden in Plain View* campaign to engage more of you, more advocates, and most importantly, more members who have experienced homelessness, in our community efforts to Bring America Home.

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Upcoming Events

April 20-22, 2012 is being marked by Global Youth Service Day (GYSD). GYSD is the largest, and longest-running, annual day of service, and the only day of service dedicated to engaging and celebrating children and youth. Find out more at <http://www.gysd.org>, or register your projects and events at <http://www.gysd.org/register>

NCH in the News

Bloomberg Business Week (March 22) - [Philadelphia Regulates Brotherly Love to Curb Homeless Picnics](#)

Amsterdam News (March 22) - [Unacceptable: Black family homelessness on the rise](#)

News From the Field

On the heels of [AmeriCorps Week](#), we wanted to highlight some recent accomplishments of NCH AmeriCorps*VISTA volunteers! (Check out more about our [VISTA project](#))

- VISTA Sean Gibbs at the Homeless Services Network of Central Florida in Orlando has created a newsletter for the Veteran Volunteer Program called "Azimuth." For those that don't know, "Azimuth" is a term used in the military to describe a compass bearing. The newsletter will hope to detail the experience of veterans who become homeless, as well as resources for housing and employment. [Learn more or sign up to receive the newsletter.](#)
- VISTA Linda Gaines at the Community Coalition on Homelessness in Bradenton, FL, had the idea to bring together musicians who could help to raise awareness of homelessness. Recruiting members from clients of the Coalition, *Open Door* was formed. Named after the intake section of the One Stop Center, the band has been playing at local events and donating proceeds to the Coalition. Learn more about [Making Music to Help the Homeless.](#)

A Donor Writes

A recent donor to the National Coalition for the Homeless sent in this touching poem explaining their reason for donating:

Homelessness

I look into your eyes
And see you. See the
Light.

I've listened to people
All my life,
Don't give them money.
It's better to teach them
How to fish but
I ask you. Where is their
Pond? Who will give them
The pole?

I've hung onto
My dollar. Averted my
Eyes, felt bad it was so
Cold. Looked for your sleeping
Bag, wondered about the items
In your cart.

The Venice MarVista Patch

(March 8) - [Venice Homeless Retrieve Belongings Trashed by City](#)

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You ask for my help
With dignity. You look forward to grace and
My kindness, which I
haven't always given. Well
today that has all changed.

I listened to Mother Teresa
As she laments for the poor.
As she holds the baby with
HIV, as she holds the
Boy with leprosy. She
Reminds me how many
Breaks the fortune 500
Companies get.

The loop holes
And the tax advantages.
She reminds me that
Everyone needs a helping
hand.

Everyone needs
Respect and everyone
Deserves God's love.

Here is mine.

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