

# The New Faces of Homelessness

Once upon a time when someone witnessed a man who was homeless he was more often than not a shabbily dressed man, with a long unkempt beard, pushing a shopping cart and probably more than a bit smelly. And, sometimes, to be honest, some men and women who are homeless may still fit that picture. However, today, the face of homelessness most often looks way different. In fact, who ends up homeless are just ordinary people, like me and you who may have been part of the group of employees who got downsized from a large corporation and never dreamed they would be sleeping on the street. Perhaps it's just a guy or woman who had an unknown and understandably, untreated mental illness that contributed to them losing their apartment and job. Or, it could easily be someone working every day, making a salary and paying 50% or more of their earnings for rent and food. Sooner or later this inevitably ends up bad—not enough money—rent's too high—no affordable housing available.



Whatever, the reason, homelessness is a societal blight and North Side wants to see it ended. Can this happen? You bet it can. As seasons change, from winter to spring, a time of new beginnings, your financial gift can help one man homeless secure housing so that when winter rolls around again, the shopping cart can stay at the store.

## Won't you jump into our "good fight" to end homelessness?

Yes, I will send a check or money order today in the amount of:

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Yes, the faces of homelessness has changed. These are pictures of some of the guys who live in our housing programs. No shabby coats, no carts, but they came to us homeless, with broken dreams, and very little hope. Today, they have hope and new dreams. Their faces have been changed.

