

**1st Informational Meeting of
Homeless Helpers Task Force (HHTF)**

Thursday the 20th of May from 5:30 to 8:00 PM.

The Inter Faith Building at 1100 W. 42nd St. (intersection of W. 42nd & N. Michigan Rd.)

Meeting Agenda

Purpose of this Meeting:

- This meeting is to determine which volunteers, street outreach, street ministries and service providers, hereinafter referred to as HELPERS are willing to start working together to help solve some of the problems of the homeless. We need to join forces on some level and start working on some short-term solutions for our homeless friends and neighbors. Better communication and the sharing of information, experiences and resources, are the keys to help get the homeless off the streets.
- We need to be educated on what services are available to the homeless so we can better inform them of the programs that are currently available to them; so they will have an incentive to leave their encampments. We need to learn that if we keep giving them everything they need where they are living, they don't need to "come in" from the streets. We need to learn that delicate balance between "Helping" vs. "Hurting or Enabling". We need to learn when to help and, more importantly, when not to help. We need to learn that sometimes too much of something, is not always a good thing.
- **We need to start: communicating, cooperating and collaborating if this is to work for the homeless.**

Presentation starts at 6:00 PM – Doors open at 5:30 for networking

- **Welcome & Announcements** - Don Hawkins, Executive Director of Homeless & ReEntry Helpers, Inc.
- **Opening Prayer** -
Speakers:
 - **Olgen Williams**, Deputy Mayor, City of Indianapolis
 - **Isaac Randolph**, Executive Director, Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives for the State of Indiana
- **First** – Introduce the panel from: CHIP, IMPD, HIP, Horizon House, Wheeler Mission, PourHouse, The Dream Center, Outreach, Inc.
- **Second** – A brief Question and Answer session, if we still have time
- **Third** – Guests introduce themselves and acknowledge team members – One from each group, please

Ends at 7:30 PM or later

Survey/Questionnaire:

- If you are serious about "Helping to Bring it All Together" for the Homeless, please complete the survey and questionnaire that will be available on line at www.IndyHelpers.com starting Monday the 24th of May. This information will be compiled and discussed at our next meeting.