

Greater Cincinnati Coalition For The Homeless



The Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless believes that education is key to ending homelessness. Unfortunately too many people still believe the myths and stereotypes about homelessness, its causes, and the people who experience it. These myths often lead people to believe that homeless people are either beyond help or undeserving of help, and that homelessness is too large a problem to solve. Through our many education programs and materials, we work to eliminate these harmful myths and to replace them with understanding and compassion.

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The "Voice of the Homeless" Speaker's Bureau



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Purpose:



Gives a voice to an issue troubling our society



Provides an opportunity for homeless and formerly homeless individuals to share their stories as they work towards a stable lifestyle



Presents an opportunity for you to expose your audience to the realities of homelessness facing people in our community on a daily basis



Allows formerly homeless individuals an opportunity to give back to the community

Front Cover :
Riccardo Taylor speaks to a group of 5th and 6th graders.

Right:
Education Coordinator shares facts and statistics.



Typical Presentation:

1. Greetings and introductions
2. Background on GCCH
3. Stereotypes and myths
4. Facts and statistics
5. Homeless or formerly homeless person shares story
6. Questions and Answers
7. What YOU can do



Mark Teegarden speaks to a group of students at St. Xavier HS.

To Arrange A Presentation:

Call the Coalition at 513-421-7803 x 14. We will provide transportation for the speaker but ask that groups provide a small stipend of \$50 for the speaker.

What Others Had to Say:

"This was a great start to Shantytown. The presentation really got the students involved."

-Mark Hoar
St. Xavier High School

"You are two of my most interesting speakers...You engage the students with activities and a well prepared presentation."

-Christine Kroner
Mother of Mercy High School

"One of the most effective ways to educate people, young and old, about homelessness is by hearing the stories of people who have experienced homelessness themselves."

-Steve Elliot, Consultant
Mayerson Foundation
High School Service Programs