

HEY, KIDS!
HAS THIS
EVER HAPPENED
TO YOU?

You're driving to school with your mom or dad, and you're stuck at a light. Out of the corner of your eye you notice a man standing in the grass holding a sign that reads "Homeless. Please help." What do you do?

That's pretty tough, isn't it? It's hard to see someone who needs help and not know what to do. Homelessness, poverty, and addiction are everywhere in our community, and the team at Wheeler Mission knows you and your family can be a big help in making a difference.



SO, YOU WANT TO HELP? GREAT! BUT FIRST...

The causes of homelessness are different for each person. Sometimes it's due to something outside their control, like job loss or mental illness. Other times, it's due to poor choices, like gambling or substance abuse. Every person's situation is different, but homelessness is a very difficult time in life.

WHY DO SOME PEOPLE
BECOME HOMELESS?

IS IT OKAY TO
GIVE PEOPLE
MONEY?

If you meet someone who's homeless and he or she asks you for money, it's okay to respond with a kind "hello." But we don't think it's a good idea to offer money, as sometimes that money can be spent on things that hurt—like drugs or alcohol.

Instead, **with your parents**, you could offer a snack, a pair of socks, or a bottle of water. Try saying something like, "Hello, sir. I'm so sorry you're hungry. I'm not able to give you money, but I can share my granola bar. Would you like it?"

With your parent's help, let the person in need know about Wheeler Mission. Share that Wheeler helps men, women, and children without homes and provides meals, safe shelter, and more care.

POINT SOMEONE IN NEED
TO WHEELER MISSION

TALK TO YOUR PARENTS ABOUT HOW YOU CAN HELP!

It's GREAT you want to help your neighbors in need. Before you do anything, talk with your parents and let them know you want to help. Here are some ideas you can chat about!

GIVE SACRIFICIALLY

Consider setting aside a portion of your allowance or birthday money to donate to an organization that cares for people in need. You could also raise money for the organization by having a lemonaid or baked goods stand or selling handmade crafts.

COLLECT ITEMS

Hold a gift drive at your school or church to collect items that our neighbors in need don't have, such as: soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks, and underwear. Canned goods and other grocery items are also helpful for organizations (like Wheeler) that prepare lots of meals. We have a whole list of helpful items at: <https://wheelermission.org/more-ways-to-help/>

VOLUNTEER

We know you can make a difference when you serve at Wheeler Mission! We offer numerous opportunities designed specifically for families to serve together. Serving meals, sorting donations, hosting movie nights – just to name a few! Learn more at WheelerVolunteer.org!

PRAY

Pray regularly as a family for your neighbors facing homelessness. Pray they find safety, help, and hope in Christ.

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