

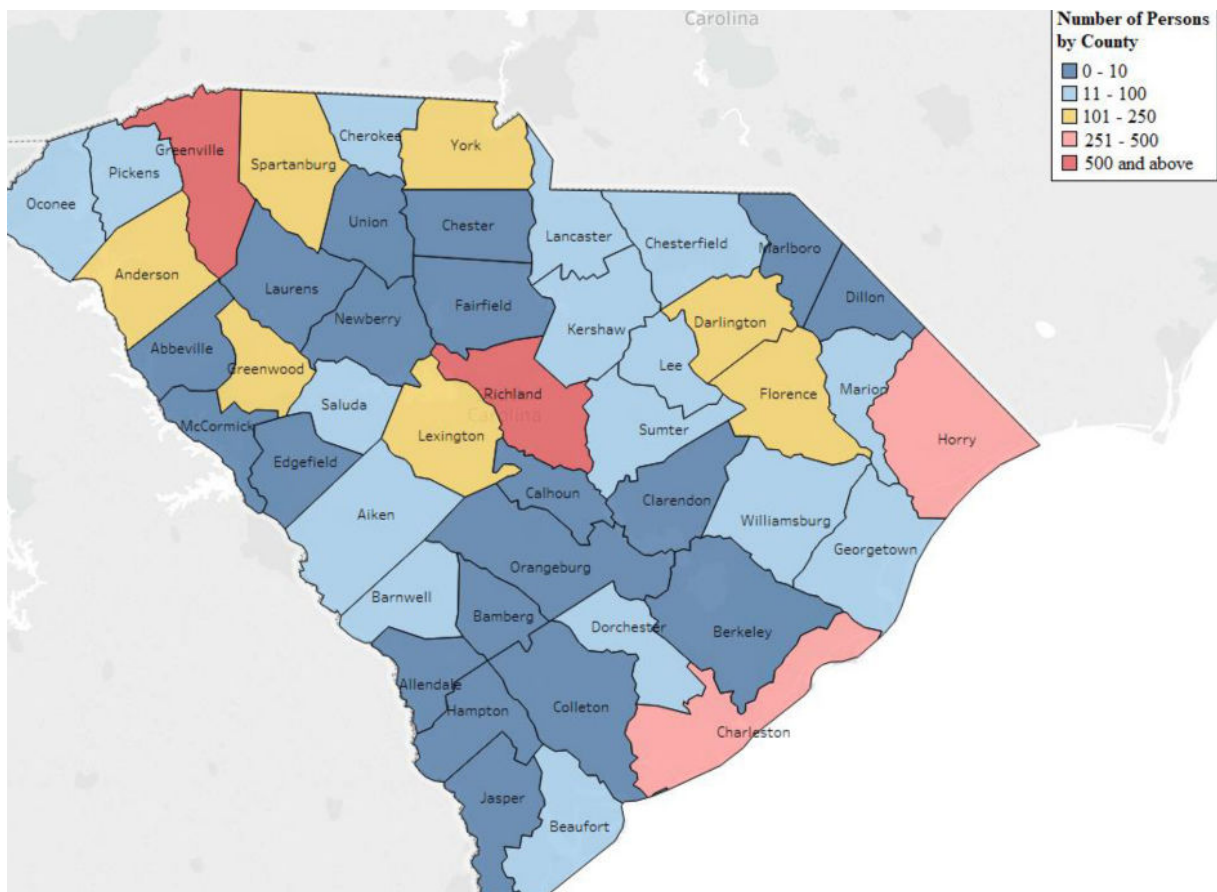


HELPING THE HURTING

Three Simple Ways to Love Your Homeless Neighbor

Did you know?

Greenville County has one of the largest homeless populations in South Carolina.



We've all been in this situation:

You're walking out of a store when you hear, "Excuse me."

You turn to see a man holding a sign that says, "Lost job. Anything helps."

What do you do?

Here are three simple ways you can help your homeless neighbor:

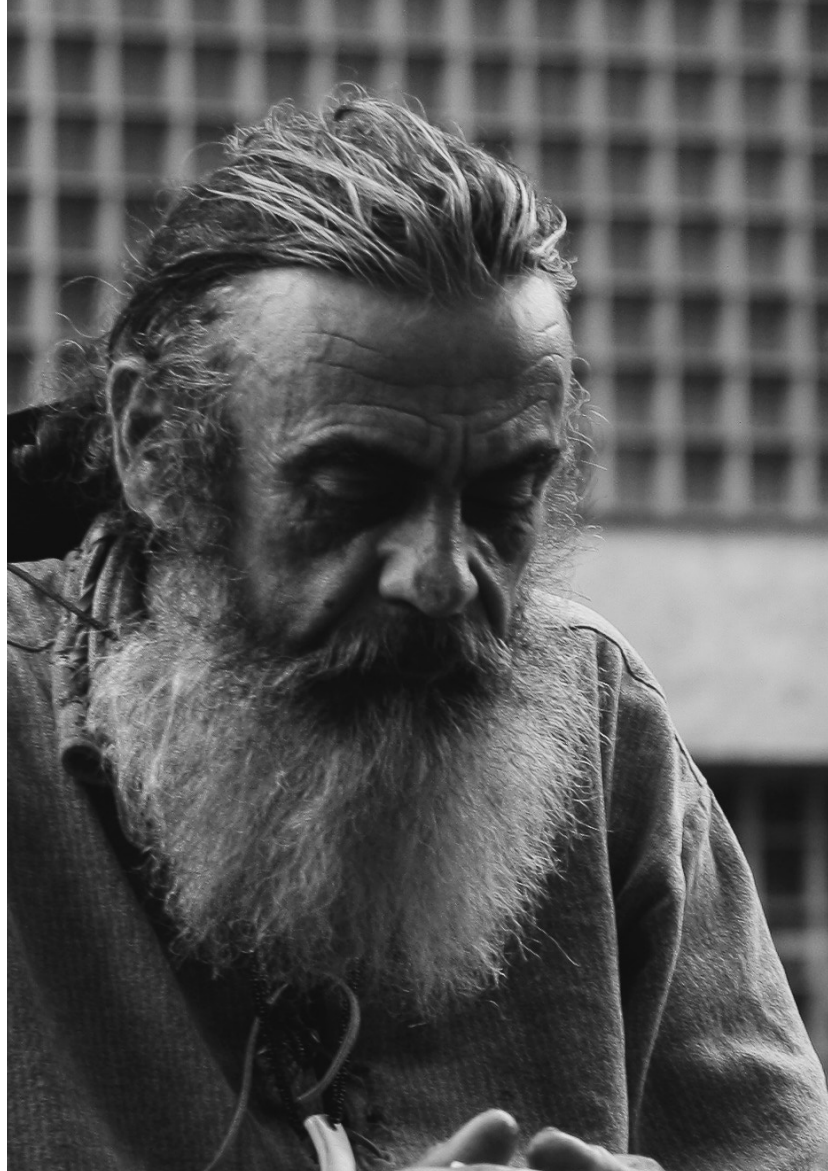




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Acknowledge the Person

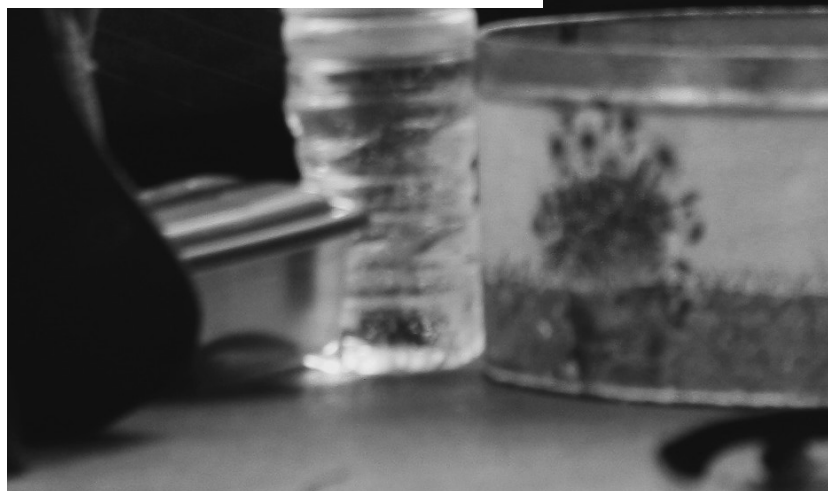
One of the toughest things about being homeless is the loss of dignity. You can restore a bit of this dignity simply by acknowledging the person's existence with a smile, wave, or "Hello."



TWO

Give an Essentials Packet

Acknowledging the person is a great first step, but what if you want to provide for a physical need? We recommend preparing and carrying a freezer bag with some of the following items.



The Essentials Packet Starter Kit

- **Bottle of Water**

Hydration is a simple, but vital need.

- **Toothbrush & Toothpaste**

Dignity is easily lost when hygiene needs go unmet. This inexpensive gift helps the person freshen up and feel more confident again.

- **Razor**

If they're on the job hunt, a clean shave will help them make a good first impression!

- **Healthy Snacks**

Crackers, nuts, trail mix, and pop-top tuna cans are all good options. The key is to offer easy-to-eat, protein-rich snacks that don't require refrigeration.

- **Wet Wipes**

A small packet of wet wipes will help them clean their hands before enjoying the snack you offered.

- **Socks**

We take socks for granted, but imagine being on your feet all day in dirty, worn-out socks. Now, imagine what a blessing a fresh pair would be!

- **List of Resources**

You've met some of this person's pressing needs. But what now? This list of resources will help your neighbor find a meal or shelter for the night.

(We've included a local list at the end of this PDF.)



THREE

Meet an Immediate Need

What is your neighbor asking for? Maybe you can meet that need – whether that's going with them to buy lunch or getting a specific item for them in the store.*

*Do use discernment when offering to meet an immediate and don't put yourself in a dangerous situation.

Local Resources

Food Assistance

- Project Host Soup Kitchen // Free lunch Sunday - Friday from 11-12 // 525 S Academy St.
- From God to You // Food Pantry // 725 Keith Drive
- Harvest Hope Food Bank // Food Pantry // 2818 White Horse Road
- Triune Mercy Center // Hot meals, food pantry, and laundry // 222 Rutherford St.
- Greer Soup Kitchen // Free Meals Daily // 521 E. Poinsett Street (Greer)

Homeless Shelters

- Miracle Hill Rescue Mission // 242-6933 // 575 W. Washington St.
- Spartanburg Rescue Mission // 583-1628 // 189 N. Forest Street (Spartanburg)
- Salvation Army // 235-4803 // 417 Rutherford Street
- Safe Harbor // Shelter for victims of abuse and their children // 1.800.291.2139 //
- Reedy Place // Shelter for the chronically homeless with a serious mental illness // 864.241.0462