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Summary

Government alone cannot solve homelessness.

Corporations need to be involved to help bring to scale solutions as well as promote innovation.

Collaboration between government, non-profits, academia, corporations, faith communities, and individuals is key.

Approaches and Methods

Give US Your Poor brings together the:

- latest research
- multimedia
- celebrities and non-celebrities
- homeless people
- partner organizations

to focus on **systems thinking** and **cross-sector collaboration** to help end homelessness.



Sample Partners

Corporate Partners:

- King Fish Media
- Bridgeway Partners
- Appleseed Recordings
- Exact Target
- Flimp
- Ipswich
- Pixel Bridge
- Via Media

National Partners:

- National Coalition for the Homeless
- National Coalition for Homeless Veterans
- National Healthcare for the Homeless Council
- National Center on Family Homelessness

Local Partners:

- Center for Social Policy
- Friends of Boston's Homeless
- Hearts of Fire Project
- Out of the Rain Initiative, United Way
- Metro Area Continuum of Care for the Homeless

Non-profit Partners:

- Marshall Media Group
- Mierendorf Productions
- The Writer's Express
- Horatio Alger Association
- Center for Social Innovation

Solutions

An overall sustainable solution includes:

- Systems thinking approach
- Involvement of homeless people
- Prevention, prevention, prevention
- Cross-sector and inter-sector collaboration
- Paradigm shift in how we view homelessness
- Health coverage for low-income Americans
- Deep understanding of the interconnectedness of homelessness with economic, environmental and social issues
- Innovative, courageous leadership
- Love

Outcomes

Public education: PSAs, conferences, events, documentaries, concerts, CD sales

Classroom education:

- middle and high schools curricula
- undergraduate college course on the history of homelessness
- individual lesson plans and exercises for high school and middle school classrooms

Bibliography and other resources available on our website: giveusyourpoor.org