

Steps to end Chronic Homelessness in St. Catherine

- Step 1:** We are committed to end Chronic Homelessness
- Step 2:** Stakeholders have been identified.
- Step 3:** Working groups have been established.
- Step 4:** We continue to gather data and research.
- Step 5:** We are aware of the homeless problems.
- Step 6:** Strategies have been developed to address these problems.
- Step 7:** We have been getting stakeholder feedback
- Step 8:** Action plan has been developed to implement strategies.
- Step 9:** Our plans have been announced and publicized.
- Step 10:** Plan has been implemented.

Our immediate plans

- Rehabilitate and reintegrate our homeless
- Complete and functionalize Linstead Drop- In Centre and Old Harbour Care Centre
- Establish an extension to the Care Centre on Monk Street
- Establish a women's centre for our homeless females.
- Continue to seek sponsorship



HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

4th Wednesdays bi-monthly @ 2:00p.m.
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“No act of kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted”



ST. CATHERINE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Poor Relief Department

Homelessness Programme

“MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THE HOMELESS”



The St Catherine Municipal Corporation is committed to guiding the process to end chronic homelessness in St. Catherine.

Mission: To develop suitable strategies to eliminate homelessness in St Catherine by implementing model projects while offering guidance and support in the communities.

Vision: For all homeless persons in the parish to have access to suitable housing and other appropriate services, to live in dignity and reach their highest potential.

HELP REDUCE HOMELESSNESS

Help make a life better, and add meaning to your life...**GET INVOLVED!**

10 STEPS TO END HOMELESSNESS

Step 1: Commit to a plan

- Continue to cater to the needs of the homeless at the Spanish Town Care Centre. Complete and functionalize Drop-In Centre in Linstead. Establish extension Care Centre in Old Harbour.

Step 2: Identify Stakeholders & Wider Community

- We are in collaboration with churches, healthcare groups, and members of the business community.

Step 3: Establish Working Groups

- An expert task force with relevant expertise and experience has been working throughout the parish.

Step 4: Gather Research and Data on Homelessness

- We have established a system of on-going counting and registration.

Step 5: Assessment of Needs

- We are aware of the need for and continue to work towards achieving housing, continuum of care, organization of feeding programmes, funding.

Step 6: Solutions

- We continue to seek housing, rehabilitation, and reintegration solutions through assessments and interventions with the help of different groups- MOH, Police, Churches, Food for the Poor. We have involved the community and schools. We have organized fundraisers, and continue to solicit sponsorship

Step 7: Get Stakeholder Feedback

- We host meetings to discuss ideas and solicit feedback for parish plans. Ensure stakeholders' participation for full support and consensus.

Step 8: Create an Action Plan

- We have already started our projects. Committees have been put in place. We have confirmed funding from local authorities and corporate sponsorship.

Step 9: Announce and Publicize Plan

- Stakeholders are encouraged to continue to promote plan. We have enlisted support of church leaders to spread the word.

Step 10: Implement the Plan

- The work has started! We continue to track our progress using outcome as measurement of progress. Community participation is continuous.



DAILY ACTIVITIES AT THE SHELTER

- Feeding
- Housing
- Bathing
- Provision of Clothing
- Grooming
- Medical Comfort
- Psychosocial Support

GET EVERYONE INVOLVED

- Schools in the project area
- Service clubs
- Churches
- Civic groups
- Business sector
- Citizens
- Senior citizens

We all have a part to play in ending homelessness- Participate by:

- Cash donations
- Volunteerism
- Job provision
- Spreading the word.

The aim of the project should be to provide care and rehabilitation to homeless persons through the provision of mental care and personal hygiene.