# Homelessness & The Lack of Support

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# "Take Action and Help the People"



# The Issue

One root cause of homeless is poverty stemming from unemployment. With rising unemployment rates, low-income families become susceptible to homelessness. The issue is that homelessness is on the rise and there is a lack of support. Individuals don't have money to get jobs or a place to live. Did you that there are over 2,000 homeless people in FW? Also there are over 2 million homeless people in the US, which is awful.

#### **Our Goal Statement**

We will collect supplies from our supplies drive to create a goal of 500 Blessing Boxes to donate to a local homeless shelter in Fort Worth. By collecting a variety of essential items, we will provide resources to those homeless due to poverty.

You can help by donations, and spreading the #BlessingBox.

# **Advocacy Project Video**

### Homelessness (group 3)



# **Take Action**

We are taking action by organizing a Supply Drive to create 500 Blessing Boxes. Below are ways to get involved at various levels:

#### - Individual Level

- Donate to blessing box drive
- Spread awareness

#### - Local/State Level

- Talk to the City Manager
- Create a group to spread the word



# What is a Blessing Box?

A Blessing Box is a combination of many essential items that we plan to donate to a local homeless shelter. This Blessing box drive will help us to provide both resources and support to those in the homeless shelter.



What essential items does the Blessing Box Drive collect?

- Shampoo
- Toilet paper
- Blankets
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Wash cloths
- Deodorant



#### **#BlessingBox**

We created #BlessingBox to promote our blessing box collection drive.

# What We Learned

Augie: "I learned what it means to be an advocate."
Brooks: "Many community issues connect in some way."
Colby: "I learned that there are over 2,000 people that are homeless in Fort Worth."
Dominick: "Shootings need to stop."
Preston: "Homelessness is a topic that needs more attention than what it is getting."
Sarah: "I learned that there are many ways to help homeless people in need."
TJ: "I learned how people become homeless and how you can help them. I also learned that homeless people don't have enough money to support them."

# Resources

References Used <u>www.Newsela.com/read/benchmark-8-blessing-bags-id/42269/</u> <u>www.Newsela.com/read/homeless-children/id/6451</u> <u>www.Newsela.com/read/elem-cold-weather-help-for-homeless/id/39284</u>

#### Helpful Resources

<u>fortworthtexas.gov/citymanager</u>- talk to City Manager about issues in your community! <u>https://ahomewithhope.org/</u> - Tarrant County Homeless Coalition

Some organizations to help with our issue:

- Heels on the Move
- Housing Channel
- Integrated Life Channel Inc



# About Us

We are group 3 also known as the FBI (Friendly Board of Intelligence). This group consists of 7 members by the names of Augie, Brooks, Colby, Dominick, Preston, Sarah, and TJ. We chose the topic of homelessness because it is a topic that is often overlooked and doesn't get much attention. It is quite ironic that the United States is one of the wealthiest countries but still has issues such as this.

Fun Fact: We all like to ride bikes! 🚲



