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In Memoriam
Raven Canon
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2020 † On the Margins † 2021

Dorothy Day, along with Peter Maurin, co-founded the Catholic Worker Movement around 1932. Her deep faith led her into a life of profound service among God's poor. Her autobiography, "The Long Loneliness," is considered a treasure of connecting faith in God and service among the marginalized.

She once asked, "The greatest challenge of the day is: how to bring about a *revolution of the heart*, a revolution which has to start with each of one of us?"

Many people have been overwhelmed by our common experiences of 2020. Many family members have lost their lives to the pandemic. Our grief casts a long shadow. Other people's hearts have been ripped open from racial issues, from violence, and from striving to be known and heard yet one more time. Fires have dominated landscapes. Hurricanes have come ashore in record numbers. Job loss continues as an ongoing storm from COVID-19. Housing loss dominates people in poverty in record numbers. Depression, anxiety, and suicides have washed up on the shores of our households.

We don't have to go far to understand the consequences of 2020. I am confident that many people eagerly await turning the calendar to 2021. In the meantime, we must all take stock of our national experiences. We must learn from our fear.

I strongly believe 2020 has the potential of a revolution of the heart. I hold on to the notion that we all need to learn something new from the consequences of pandemic and the unrest of our racial divides. Here is what we all need: to learn that life is not about us, that we are not in control of life no matter how hard we try or how much we want to cling to power, wealth, pride and possessions.

The year 2020 holds the potential of bringing us closer to one another. I pray that people in power positions in our society may learn that they are also poor. Every time we don't get our way or when we can't control the outcomes of our lives, we need something greater than ourselves.

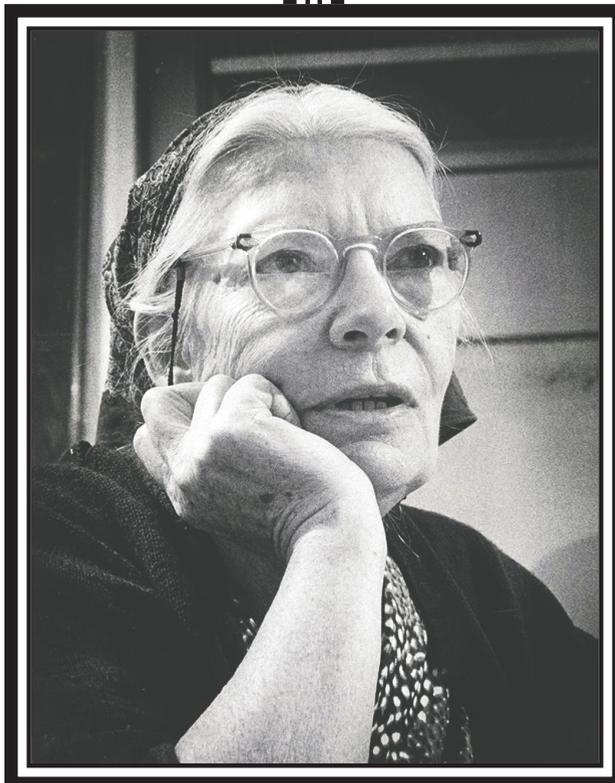
I call that our need for God. This need for God is only realized when we understand that poverty is part of every human life. Poverty is not just about a lack of money; it is coming to terms with making sense of life when we cannot control it or change it or wish it was something else.

The year 2020 holds the potential of change when we look into the eyes of one another even when our faces are covered in masks. We can still look into the eyes of the stranger and even see ourselves. If we can learn to see that we are all struggling, we can learn something new. Our values can change during a pandemic. Our hope for our family members who are depressed and lonely can bear fruit. Our grief can be channeled into love for one another no matter our differences. Politics can melt into support for the common good when we view the sad eyes of those who need help.

Gratitude seems to be the only conclusion of 2020. Gratitude is not Pollyannish. Gratitude is revolutionary. Gratefulness is hard work and it takes joy and insight to survive. Our common humanity reveals such an attitude even when homelessness and heartache collide. Gratitude is the balm for our addicted teens to get sober. Gratitude can heal divisions and end domestic violence. Gratitude is the foundation of revolution and the healing of people. Gratitude is revealed in our eyes even when our expressions and our hearts are hidden behind masks of fear.

This year, 2020, may produce something new if we desire love and life itself. Hope remains the foundation of life. This life is all we have. Today is what is promised. Let's start a revolution of the heart. Dorothy Day reminds us, "The older I get, the more I meet people, the more convinced I am that we must only work on ourselves, to grow in grace. The only thing we can do about people is to love them."

Rev. Ronald Patrick Raab, CSC, serves as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Old Colorado City, Colorado Springs, CO.



Keeping It Real

by Scot "Cowboy" Anderson

We have all seen them; they are everywhere. They have shopping carts, they may talk to someone when there is no one else to be talking to. They probably have the same clothes they had on yesterday because it's all they own, maybe. They haven't showered in a day; maybe even a week? How about a month? How is the weather today? Is it snowing; is it cold; is it warm; is it raining; maybe its windy, maybe it's a perfect day? But, they are still the same way they were yesterday. The weather in Colorado, so true of the saying, "Wait five minutes, it will change." We all hope, like the weather, HOMELESS - maybe it will all go away. But, sad, and true, unlike the changing weather, homeless isn't going to get better. If anything, it could get a lot worse. ARE WE PREPARED??

I have traveled to several different cities. I don't know exactly what made me choose Nashville. Maybe it was the moniker; Music City, City of Neon Dreams, Hollywood Country. A city like the City of Champions; Olympic City. However in my desire to see why everyone flocked to the one city that had the number one economy in the U.S., I came to realize there was a reason everyone was going to one moniker city and not going to the other city. Both have struggling economies. Even though one has way more cranes, and construction, and service-oriented jobs, it still had its fare share of homelessness. As a matter of fact, Nashville has twice, if not three times the amount as the homeless population of Colorado Springs and Denver. Denver probably has a population equivalent to Nashville. The one thing I do know is no matter what town I am in, the one thing that is the same in every town no matter what size population - **mental health problems**.

Now, having said that, lets get down to hard facts. Mental health and growing homelessness have two things in common. Mental health problems are getting worse and the population is getting bigger. So, given this reality, how do we solve this dilemma? Sure, in the 719 you can't go hungry; too many places to eat. You can't freeze to death; there are beds inside to stay warm. But, how do you encourage people with mental health problems, the ones that refuse beds or indoor places, to lay their head or just come inside for a few hours to get warm? Lets get real. **YOU CANT FORCE ANYONE TO GO INSIDE IF THEY DON'T WANT TO BE INSIDE**, and handing out tickets for illegal camping is not a good use of our court systems. It is a waste of resources when real crimes are going on. The other night there were three shootings and the person of interest is still on the run as of this writing. Are we trying to catch dangerous assailants or the mentally ill poor?

I'm gonna end with simple words of wisdom and a hard truth. If we keep criminalizing camping when we can't even get those with mental health problems the help we need then why did the state of Colorado even accept the 32 million dollar grant to help the chronically homeless? That's like giving a winning lottery ticket to a dishonest state worker. You know they are going to do everything possible to hide that money in a local bank until everyone forgets about it. Then they will slush it away to another cause which isn't going to benefit us. Street people with mental illnesses need help. Ask yourself, would you want to freeze? Would any of your City Council members bundle up to sit with you and talk about real problems at a homeless shelter? Would they bundle up and have a warm cup of coffee with you and just talk? If not, do these officials really care if you're alive or frozen to death tomorrow?

Just ask yourself. Something to think about!



Bus Beat

by Stephen Mooney



Anonymous Ann died tragically in an automobile accident at her home despite being full of life right up until her death. Although she traveled frequently using public transportation around the world, she never rode Mountain Metro Transit in Colorado Springs.

One morning, her son, Stephen Mooney, received the fateful call. Ann failed to show up for a social game of bridge with friends. She loved her friends, sharing food, and playing bridge. Her friends called Stephen expressing their concern about her absence.

Riding his bicycle as fast as possible to her home, his heart became increasingly heavy. Upon arrival, he entered through the garage where the car was still running. He was too late and found her dead in the basement bedroom, with her feet hanging over the side of the bed, and her CPAP mask slightly ajar. Evidently, she rushed from her car to use the basement bathroom, as with age, bladder control was increasingly challenging. From the bathroom, she went to bed while the car continued running in the attached garage. This had happened previously when her husband was still alive. Fortunately, he noticed the smell early enough and shut off the engine to prevent an earlier accident. Her luck ran out after she was widowed. Her husband preceded her in death two years previously due to complications associated with Agent Orange from combat in Vietnam.

Stephen called 911 and Colorado Springs firefighters responded quickly although they were unable to save her as she had died hours before their arrival.

With great compassion, the firefighters and the fire department chaplain comforted Stephen outside while they used fans to exhaust carbon monoxide fumes from the house.

Months prior to these tragic events, Stephen tried talking with his aging mom about giving up her car keys. She quoted an NRA speech by actor Charlton Heston that the car keys would only be surrendered from her "cold dead hand."

Viable, safe, and free public buses are essential infrastructure for our city to prevent similar accidents in the future.

Please contact city council to support improved transit. As our city continues to grow, with increased traffic, safe crossing to bus stops along major thoroughfares like Academy and Woodmen, the closest stop for Ann, are a must. Seniors, children, and riders of all ages need to feel safe and be protected walking to and from bus stops.

Our new Olympic and Paralympic Museum contains the history of many world record holders. Colorado Springs set a new record this year for pedestrians killed by motorists.

Please join fellow citizens on Fridays from 5 p.m.-6 p.m. walking in the crosswalks to remind motorists to share the road. Whether you walk for a few minutes or the entire hour, we need your support. Join us in standing up for safe passage of pedestrians in crosswalks. Creating a "critical mass" of pedestrians is urgent. See you Friday at five o'clock.

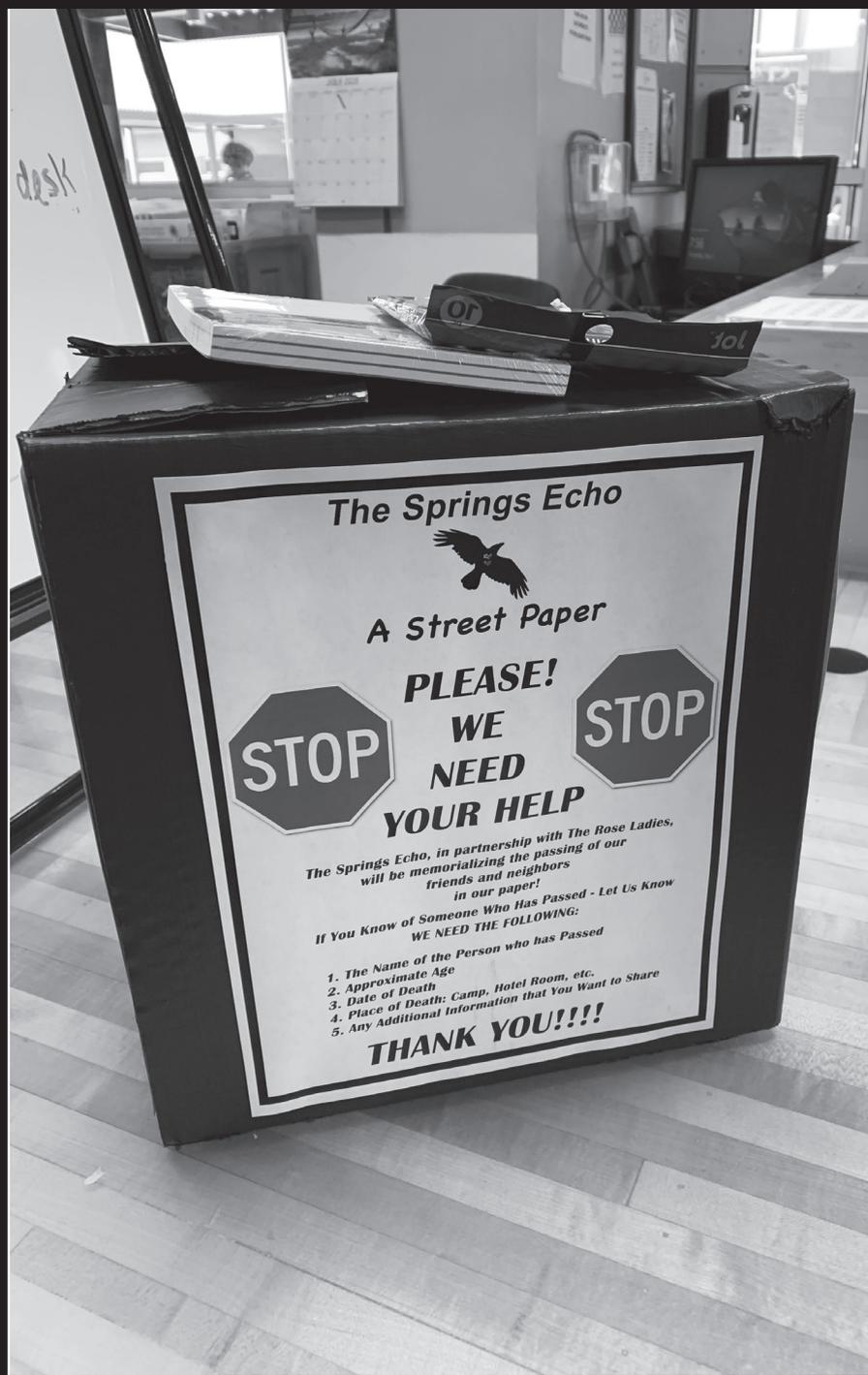
We Remember!

by Pat Holley

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Thanks to a joint project of *The Springs Echo* and the *Rose Ladies*, in partnership with the *Springs Rescue Mission*, our homeless neighbors will now have their obituaries printed regularly.

Please look for the big blue box in the Resource Center at the Mission. Paper and pens will be available for you to submit the names of those you know who have recently passed, along with some needed information. Once the names have been confirmed by the Coroner's office, they will be printed in *The Springs Echo*.



WE REMEMBER ... WE REMEMBER...

WE REMEMBER

- Michael Boren, 50
- Kenneth Bryant, 62
- Thomas Catalino, 59
- Darrell Chambers, 55
- Laura Crawmer, 59
- Ivory Crowley, 65
- James Edgar, 53
- Mekonah Caleb Gregory, 37
- Aaron Hanley, 40
- Kyree Howard-Walker, 27
- Charles Kollias, 57
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- Wesley Lemkuhl, 73
- Greg Leschinsky, 59
- Robert Levesque, 66
- Darrell Lilley, 56
- Brenton Martorana, 40
- Deborah McCarthy, 54
- Cynthia Means, 38
- Shawn Meehan, 47
- Daniel Darrin Munoz, 30
- John B. Parks, Age Unknown
- Media Pate, 90
- Kenneth Paulson, Age Unknown
- Michael Pippin, 61
- Robert Herbert Postlewait, 63
- Glen Radie, 34
- Elizabeth Reuse, 36
- Anthony A. Rios, 49
- Bryan Schreck, 59
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Christ
of
the
Homeless



by
Fritz
Eichenberg

Organizational Updates & Giving



A 501(c)3 nonprofit since 2003 in the Pikes Peak Region

Concrete Couch

2020 has been a year of change for us. We had to regroup and make do without funds, and still keep people engaged. During April and May we ran 100 Zoom classes, 16 of them taught by kids! These were actually great experiences, a lot of fun, and learning, learning, learning! (This was before everyone was sick of Zoom.) Then we regrouped our summer SCAMP program (Summer Community Art and Mural Program) to be 100% small group camps on our land at 1100 South Royer. We kept classes free, and one-on-one instruction, and we hired a bunch of teens and more staff to make it work, but it did work! Luckily for us we received a large grant from The Colorado Trust which just saved our bacon (and tofu). Now we are still running free programs on the land and working with partner organizations on trainings and other outreach that we usually don't find time for.

So, all in all, 2020 has sucked, and been amazing, both at the same time. We are enjoying each other's company and the students that we get, and we are trying to be patient and wear masks and be thankful for the medical professionals and other essential workers who don't have some of the same luxuries that we have.

THANKS EVERYONE!

The Staff at Concrete Couch

Ithaka

At Ithaka, we believe that everyone deserves a home. We work to bring people out of homelessness and into self-sufficiency with programs for families and individuals. During COVID times, our seniors need shoppers for their groceries, and many of our larger families could use help with building skills that will improve their reliance on a support system as they transition successfully into permanent housing. If you are looking for a way out of homelessness

or are interested in donating to or volunteering with us, please contact applications@ithakaland.org

Anjuli Kapoor, CEO



The Resource Exchange

At The Resource Exchange, we serve approximately 9000 people across four counties and are always looking for ways to reach more people who need our services. We coordinate care for people with disabilities and delays and those with mental health or long-term care needs.

Best, Julie White



Westside CARES

Westside CARES provides care and compassion to neighbors in need on the west side of El Paso County in the form of: food pantries; rental and utilities assistance; clothing, laundry, and hygiene help; secure mail delivery; health consultations; and identification. If you want to join us in providing home, health, and hope to 10,000 neighbors across the region, our website (<http://westsidecares.org>) provides detailed information about in-kind donations, monetary donations, and volunteer opportunities available.

Kristy Milligan, CEO



TESSA

Tessa is a local non-profit that provides services to individuals experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking in El Paso and Teller counties. For the past 43 years, TESSA has been committed to the mission of ending family violence while empowering individuals and their families towards safety, stability, and self-sufficiency. TESSA has evolved into a multifaceted organization centered around trauma informed care.

We provide safe housing, confidential victim advocacy, counseling services, legal and housing assistance, youth and children specific programming as well as outreach and community education opportunities. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our staff is working remotely while our office remains closed to any in-person advocacy or counseling services. To increase access and support, we implemented a chat line on our website, provided additional advocacy phone lines in addition to our 24/7 Safe Line, offering group and individual counseling sessions virtually, and continue to operate our 32-bed Safehouse. We are working diligently to provide our clients with the resources and programs they need most.

We are thankful for the opportunities that we continue to have to create meaningful impact in our community. By educating our youth on healthy relationships, boundaries, and consent, we aim to stop the cycle of violence before it begins. By providing safe housing, advocacy on our 24/7 Safe Line, and counseling services to our clients, we seek to empower individuals and their families towards safety, stability, and self-sufficiency that provides services for all individuals.

If you would like to donate to TESSA, please visit our website <https://www.tessacs.org/donate/> to find out more about the many ways you can support us. For additional ways to give, check out our Give! Campaign, the Empty Stocking Fund, or help us make the holiday brighter for those we serve through supporting our Annual Holiday Shoppe (more information can be found on our website <https://www.tessacs.org/holiday-shoppe/>).

Rica Molet

Organizational Updates & Giving



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a former affiliate of Urban Peak

The Place

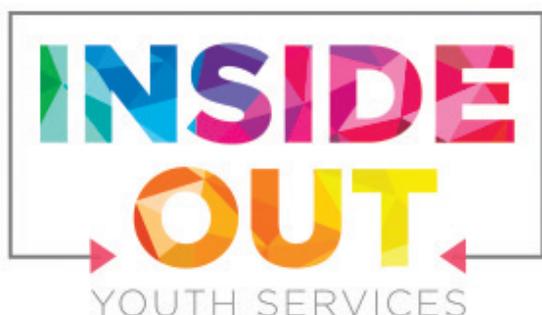
As each night gets longer and colder, there are 150 young people, on average, experiencing homelessness each night. The PLACE serves youth from age 15 through 24 to show they have options to get off the street. The PLACE worked with over 600 youth last year, many who were reunited with family or attained safe and stable housing. We have been there through COVID-19 and we will continue to be there to serve our community.

"Just \$104 provides one youth one night's worth of shelter and the support they need to exit homelessness. Will you help a young person today?" Just go to <https://theplacecos.org/donate/> to make a gift. Thank you."

Together: We can do our part "The Place has changed my life in a way I didn't think was possible, and I have no idea where I would be without it today." –Jackson (Client, 2019) There are many opportunities to provide support for the young.

Read more at <https://theplacecos.org>

Karen Henschel



Inside Out Youth Services

Inside Out Youth Services (est. 1990) advocates for and alongside LGBTQ+ and allied youth ages 13-24. We build power and equity through programs and services that include group and individual mental health support, a food pantry and clothing closet, and community education and outreach. Together, we are preventing suicide, creating safe, healthy relationships, reducing rates of tobacco and substance use, and training trusted adults—all making the world a safer, more affirming place for young people to reach their full potential! To donate to Inside Out, please visit: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/insideoutys> (<http://bit.ly/2ISzLsb>)

In loving kindness, Joy Armstrong

P.S. If you missed our first ever virtual Ally Up: Phoenix Rising, you can still watch the live-streamed event and make your gift in support of LGBTQ+ youth: <http://www.insideoutys.org/allyup/>



STREET PETZ

Due to COVID-19, we are currently NOT doing vaccinations on the street, but only by appointment. We are thankful that Dr. Thompson's mobile unit the PET CROSS is available to help with those services.

Our volunteers are still out distributing food, treats, and supplies every Thursday at noon next to the Marian House. In the colder months, we also offer pet coat distribution twice a month. Monetary donations can be donated thru our main website Streetpets.org or checks can be sent to our organization home site: STREET PETZ C/O Dr. Youkey 5256 S. Mission Rd. PMB-703-720 Bonsall, CA 92003.

Food, treats, coats, collars or any other supplies can be dropped off at our various donation locations (Healthy Pets and Southern Colorado Vet Medicine are not taking dropped off donations due to COVID-19).

Evelyn Fitzpatrick, DVM

Team lead-Colorado Springs Chapter

PoetryHeals

Bringing therapeutic writing to people living difficult lives

Poetry Heals

Poetry Heals teaches poetry workshops and provides one-on-one sessions for people who are living difficult lives. We work with homeless people, veterans, people in recovery from addictions, incarcerated people, and at-risk teens. Writing about their difficulties helps people process their trauma.

Before COVID-19, we met with people in the Penrose Library, in parks, at Springs Rescue Mission, Inside Out, Crawford House and other locations. Since COVID-19, we have been meeting on line using Zoom; more information on our website <https://poetryheals.org/> We also create a special section of our website called Caring for Caregivers which has prompts, video workshops and DIY materials available 24/7 for people experiencing stress from COVID-19.

Join us for a workshop on Wednesday Night on Zoom (check our website) or use our materials on line. We welcome donations to keep our services up and running.

Molly Wingate



A Modest Proposal

by Steve Wood



Houselessness is a huge problem in Colorado Springs and nationwide. It is also increasing, causing a huge strain on public services, lots of human suffering, and a degradation of the environment (as people are camping in many public and natural spaces). (We use the term "houseless", as in those without a house, who very often have a sense of home, as in a neighborhood where they were raised, or just a place where they belong). The causes of houselessness are complex and have been written about elsewhere, but what can be done?

One proposal is for non-profits to think about housing houseless people from their neighborhoods. You may ask "why should we listen to Concrete Couch?" Because we're doing it, with great success. We've experienced, firsthand, the mutually beneficial relationships and beloved community that can develop when we integrate our community's vulnerable members into our core programming. There are approximately 5500 non-profits in El Paso County, and maybe a third of them have an office or a building at their disposal, which could be monitored and safeguarded by caretakers; by people who are currently houseless.

For non-profits that are not dedicated to ending homelessness, this is a daunting prospect. How would you find the people? How do you safeguard your organization? What will be your relationship with the formerly houseless individuals? Is this legal? And, importantly, what is the value to your organization? These are essential questions.

The Population

Currently there are approximately 1600 houseless neighbors in the Pikes Peak region, according to the annual Point-In-Time count, though local service agencies estimate that the number is even larger. Many of those people have experienced trauma, brain injuries, have mental or substance use disorders...and the layman cannot be expected to provide services to them. However, there is a high percentage who just need a little help. This group needs a roof over their heads, basic services like water, heat, and electricity, and also, they need to be valuable, valued, and part of a community.

Relationship

This exchange will be less a transaction and more of a relationship. It will take work on both sides, but it can create positive benefits for both parties, including better community cohesion, safer and better cared-for shared spaces, and economic resiliency for both parties. Kristy Milligan, Chief Executive Officer of Westside CARES, notes, "At present, our community is focused primarily on a Housing First approach, which preferences individuals with more severe trauma for community housing opportunities. While this approach does a tremendous job of saving lives and reducing community costs associated with houselessness, it can leave behind members of our community who just need a sense of belonging, a sense of contributing, and access to the most basic things, like a roof over their heads, clean water, and a space in which they can establish and create safety".

Connecting

How would a non-profit find a potential steward of their property? There are a variety of ways, but one would be to meet with the non-profits that work with the houseless, like Homeward Pikes Peak, Catholic Charities, or Westside CARES.

Not every non-profit has the space or resources to house people. But for the ones who do, building a relationship with service providers who work with the houseless is as important as building and maintaining the relationship with your new tenants. They can provide necessary feedback and support as the project develops.

Ideas in practice

Concrete Couch is renting a small house as our office, and we also own a five-acre former industrial site which we are developing into a community park. We work with four formerly houseless locals and share these spaces with them (2 at the land and 2 at the office). They bring value to the relationship. At the office they pay the utilities, maintain the property, answer phones, field questions about the organization, and keep business hours beyond what our regular staff can manage. For example, Judy Pastore is the Concrete Couch house manager who was formerly a houseless individual.

On the land they act as caretakers and are paid a stipend to safeguard the property on a daily basis. They also help to keep it clean, educate visitors about our mission and goals, and invite them to get involved. We bought the parcel in April 2019 and have needed to call the police just once. Previously the police were needed on a weekly, almost daily basis. The current safety and cleanliness of the parcel is a product of our staff and volunteer's efforts, but also chiefly to the diligence and commitment of the caretakers.

The City

How does the city fit into these proposed arrangements? The city can be flexible as they judge these scenarios: after all, they are temporary, and are great pilot projects that can teach us how to better adjust to this intractable issue. And their cost is largely borne by the non-profits. Some cities, like Portland, Oregon, have supported similar projects and found valuable results: less crime, fewer police calls, and less strain on city services.

Dignity Village in Portland, Oregon is worth looking at more closely. Set up in 2000 as a DIY village, organized by houseless people but with a board of directors, it receives some city support, including trash pickup and a dedicated social worker that helps residents get on their feet. Mark Lakeman, a founding and current board member of Dignity Village, says, "These kinds of projects offer meaning, purpose, and tremendous social benefit. They are win-win-win, and all that municipalities need to do is help find space, lower barriers, and provide a small amount of logistical and staff support". What would this mean for Colorado Springs municipal government?

Conclusion

Kristy Milligan summarizes our proposal with a thought and a question: "It can be easy to look at societal challenges of this magnitude and shrug them off as too big to ever solve. But solving is the wrong question. The right question is 'what small piece of this gigantic problem can I help address?' As public service providers, maybe these proposals resonate with your staff and board, and can be a template for greater resiliency and strength in these trying times. We encourage you to try and offer any assistance you can.

The Staff and Board of Concrete Couch



A 501(c)3 nonprofit since 2003 in the Pikes Peak Region



COVID Reflections - Heart and Soul



2020, Where to begin?

Stop...shutdown, suddenness, suffocation, sadness, scared, scream, sacrifice, shame, shattered, savagery, self-destructive, shaking, sickness, sluggish, sob, sorrow, stifling, struggling, sinking...STILL.

2021

Start...support, sympathy, sincerity, safe, success, self-belief, self-respect, soul-searching, serene, salvage, savior, solutions, solace, significance, survival, serendipity, sunshine, spring, summer, smile, sustainable...LIFE

May we all find grace and beauty in each other.

DEBBIE

Three men sitting by the Pioneers Museum.

One is named Charlie. Not much changed for them. They stay at the Rescue Mission. The only things that bothered them was they had nowhere to go 'til the Soup Kitchen opened. They are glad the library is open so they can charge their phones. They are also glad the YMCA has their showers open because one of them is a member of the Y.

My 2020 has been a drifting through a swathe of outer space: lots of deep darkness with warm points of light here and there, maybe not totally few and far between, but not in overwhelming abundance. Kinda' bleak evaluation, sorry, especially for someone with a garden, rifle, and fishing pole to provide both sustenance and purpose, but this has been a year where some major parts of my life fell apart, and there is no real salvation in sight.

Never quite sure if those stars are encouraging or mocking me. Or maybe they're just coolly indifferent, leaving a good dog to take me hiking, lick my face, and love me unconditionally as my hope of meaning and justification.

But wait: he died.

I hope this isn't too dark.
It really has been a very hard year on many fronts,
bright spots though there might be.

ANONYMOUS

I never anticipated we would be living in a pandemic. It made me feel vulnerable. My dad's wife got COVID and she almost died. She is in her 80's and is still recovering but got over the worst part in which she was hospitalized. Humanity could be obliterated by this invisible enemy. When I think of pandemics I think of the Spanish Flu or the plague, not something that can happen now. Yet here we are. I have felt lonely and it seemed like at the height of social isolation my loneliness and sadness and lack of confidence in myself came to a pinnacle. Ironically, while this pandemic is going on; I've been working at Concrete Couch and I feel like I am new to this level of happiness.

I don't know how to anticipate what will come next.

FRANCES

2020 didn't change much for me. I'm one of the lucky ones who gets a check each month and being a caretaker for the Concrete Couch helps.

I've been people watching more than I did, which is both good and bad. The bad part was I didn't get to go see my children and grandchildren, and I didn't get to see my friends to go get coffee and catch up.

JUDY

Things are going good. I am looking for housing and the Marian House is helping me. I am camping and finding it hard to get back on my feet, but the outlook is good and my life will get better

PAT

This has been my easiest year out of the last few. I had resources to deal with the problems the pandemic brought to my life, which has not been the case for other issues I've faced in recent times. I've been lucky to be financially stable due to my essential worker status and my ability to work from home, and I've tried to use that to help people. If I can make things better by sending a donation or assisting somebody with a bill or buying a gift card to my friend's business, why wouldn't I? It helps me deal with my feelings of despair and impotence at not being able to do more right now.

What's bad about it is I have to wear a mask now.

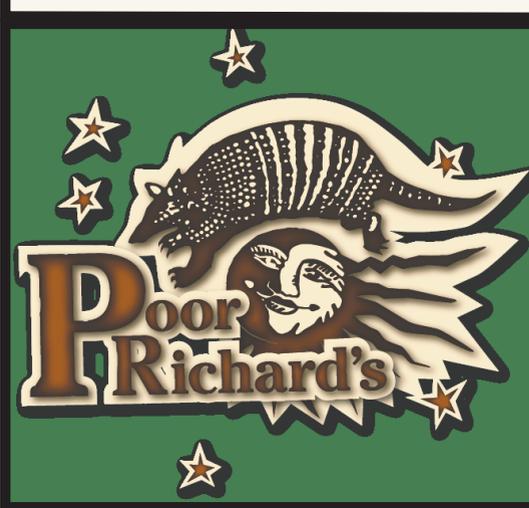
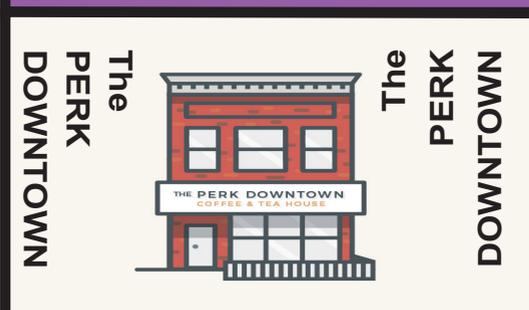
There are limited places to go.

I'm kind of scared because Dad keeps going places like the store, and he always sees reports about people at the store having COVID or something. But we got Pierogi [our cat], so that was nice, I guess.

I feel like 2020 is going faster, instead of taking super long. Christmas is already close. Don't pandemics last one to two years? I hope it only lasts one year, so I don't have to wear a mask for two years. One bad thing is that we can't have some types of holidays because of COVID.

MINDY

Look For The Helpers - There Are Always Helpers



Catholic Charities Services 14 W. Bijou St.

Marian House Soup Kitchen
Open Every Day 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(No take outs. Must eat in the dining area.)

Mail Monday - Friday (9:00 - 10:15) West side of courtyard

All Services

*****By Appointment Only*****

Client Services

(Mon - Fri 9:00 - 2:00) Main Lobby

Birth Certificates, IDs	866-6535
Bus Passes	866-6282
Financial Assistance	866-6282/6435
Housing and VI-SPDAT	866-6282
Utility Assistance	866-6283

Enter on east side of building at end of sidewalk, ring doorbell

Medical Services Main Lobby

SET Clinic Schedule (Fri 10:30 - 1:00) Walk In and Appointment	866-6283
Nurse: (Tues, Wed, and Fri 9:30 - 2:00) Limited Walk In	866-6432
Doctor: (Tues and Wed 11:00 - 1:00)	866-6283

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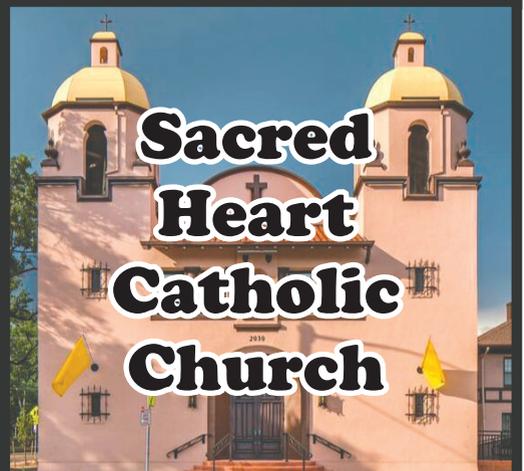
Hanifen Employment Center (Mon - Fri 9:00 - 2:00)

Employment, Job Searches, Resumes	
To schedule an appointment	866-6283
Ring doorbell at left of entry door	

BREAD & BUTTER

Neighborhood Market

Open Daily 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

BEACON FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Live Worship on Facebook & YouTube
Sunday Mornings @ 10:00 a.m.

YouTube: Beacon Fellowship Church Colorado Springs.

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