



## Fact Sheet

### What you can do to help solve homelessness.

- **Learn** about the Regional Homelessness Plan for Metro Vancouver:  
[www.metrovancouver.org/planning/homelessness/Pages/RegionalHomelessnessPlan.aspx](http://www.metrovancouver.org/planning/homelessness/Pages/RegionalHomelessnessPlan.aspx)
- **Support** local projects that provide homes for people who need them.
- **Write a letter** to the elected officials that represent your area. Personal letters that describe how homelessness affects you and your community are generally more effective than form letters. Letters to federal MPs can be sent free of charge.

To locate your **Member of Parliament** (MP) visit:

[www.parl.gc.ca/MembersOfParliament/MainMPsCompleteList.aspx](http://www.parl.gc.ca/MembersOfParliament/MainMPsCompleteList.aspx)

To locate your **Member of the Legislative Assembly** (MLA) visit:

[www.leg.bc.ca/mla/](http://www.leg.bc.ca/mla/)

- **Be respectful** and courteous to people who are homeless.
- **Volunteer** your time and skills – contact local organizations and ask how you can help.
- **Donate** funds or goods to local organizations that are making a difference.
- **Talk** to your family, friends and colleagues about the solutions to homelessness.

### What your organization or business can do.

- **Get the word out** – use your newsletters, websites and correspondence to talk about Homelessness Action Week (provide a link to [stophomelessness.ca](http://stophomelessness.ca)).
- **Organize a ‘drive’** – clothes, shoes, socks, food, bedding and cash donations are needed and can be delivered to an agency serving people who are homeless.
- **Be a resource** – find out where services for people who are homeless are located in your community and give people directions to where they can get help.
- **Volunteer** – there are outreach events for people who are homeless throughout the Metro Vancouver region.

We all have a role to play in solving homelessness.

[www.stophomelessness.ca](http://www.stophomelessness.ca)



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