

RIGHT NOW

- ☐ **REGISTER TO VOTE** Visit Vote.org to check your voter registration or to register for the first time.
- ☐ **JUST SAY HELLO** Treat people who are experiencing homelessness with respect. Visit facinghomelessness.org to learn more about humanizing homelessness.
- ☐ **SPEAK UP** Talk to your friends, family, and other community members about homelessness and stigma. You can be a voice for change in your community. Use social media platforms to share what's happening here.

TODAY

- ☐ **SIGN UP FOR ACTION ALERTS** Join an email list with Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance, or Housing Development Consortium to learn about how to speak up, current events, and other advocacy opportunities.
- ☐ **BUY REAL CHANGE** Vendors across the region sell the award-winning Real Change newspaper, a voice for low-income and homeless people which provides immediate employment for vendors and engages the community with social-justice journalism.
- ☐ **USE YOUR TALENTS & EDUCATION** Find an organization and use your unique expertise. Students have valuable skills in design, social work, technology, writing, video, and many other areas.

THIS WEEK

- ☐ **ADVOCATE ON THE CITY BUDGET** Tell the city to prioritize funding for homelessness and housing. Attend the public hearing on the city budget at Seattle City Hall on Oct. 23 @5:30 p.m. to testify or support.
- ☐ **GIVE MONEY OR VOLUNTEER** Give your money or time to organizations that are empowering young people to exit homelessness. YouthCare, ROOTS Young Adult Shelter and TeenFeed, all in the U District, are just a few examples of the many organizations working to end youth homelessness in Seattle.
- ☐ **LISTEN & LEARN** Visit our website projectonfamilyhomelessness.org to listen to stories from children and young people who have faced homelessness. Be sure to check out "Finding Our Way," a collection of StoryCorps audio stories; "Home: Lost and Found" stories told live with The Moth; and "American Refugees," a series of four animated short films about real local families, homelessness and resilience.



THIS QUARTER

- ☐ **VOTE!** Support candidates who believe in affordable housing and services for people experiencing homelessness. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 6 and we now vote totally by mail in Washington!
- ☐ **GOT A BIKE?** Volunteer with Seattle Food Rescue and use your bike to redistribute otherwise wasted food to low-income communities. Visit seattlefoodrescue.org for more info or, to get started, contact seattlefoodrescue@gmail.com
- ☐ **GET INVOLVED ON CAMPUS** Research and join campus organizations that are working on social justice issues. Browse your own university's student organization directory to unite with other students interested in making an impact.

THIS YEAR

- ☐ **TALK & CONNECT** Create a space where you and your peers can learn and discuss ways to support those affected by homelessness. Watch films and read books to expand your understanding of the issue. Engage with others at lectures, campus events, and other homelessness-related gatherings in the neighborhood.
- ☐ **SUPPORT LOCALLY** Get involved with existing organizations in your area focused on homelessness, such as the Doorway Project and Every Hungry Husky. Contribute food and hygiene donations to directly help young people in need.
- ☐ **EXPAND YOUR EFFORTS** If you are from out of state: find an organization that helps people facing homelessness back home and ask how you can help!

FIRST, THE FACTS:

- Homelessness affects **everyone**, including children, youth and young adults.
- A national study conducted by the Wisconsin HOPE Lab found that 36% of college students are housing insecure, 9% are homeless
- King County's 2018 report* found that 1,518 unaccompanied youth and young adults were experiencing homelessness.
- **Youth homelessness in King County impacts people of color and LGBTQ+ people disproportionately.**
- A 2018 report* found that among unaccompanied youth and young adults: 33% identified as LGBTQ+, compared to 18% of respondents of all ages. Additionally, 59% identified as people of color and/or multiracial, compared to 51% of respondents of all ages.

**King County 2018 Count Us In Report*

NOW, ACT!

THANKS FOR DOING YOUR PART!

Today is just the start—check off your future progress toward helping to end homelessness with the following steps:

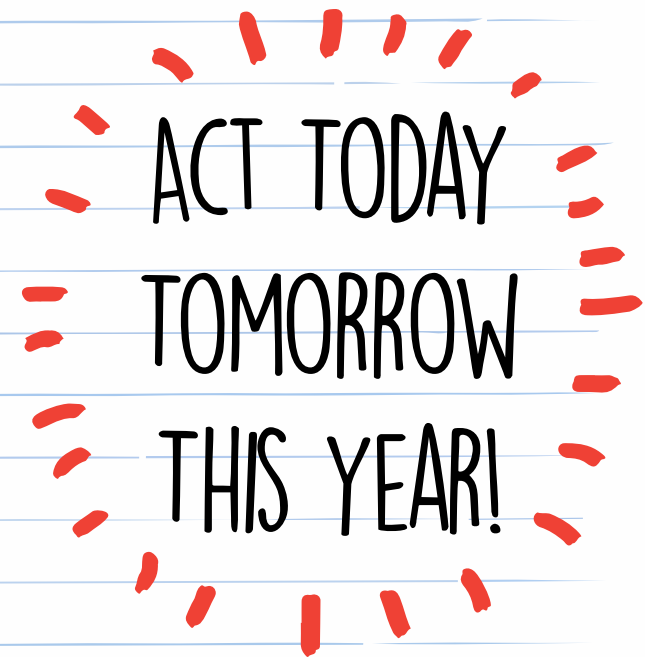
- ☒ LISTEN
- ☒ LEARN
- ☐ COMMIT
- ☐ ACT

Made a connection? Got ideas?

Write them here:



SEATTLE UNIVERSITY



You can help
end homelessness
one day at a time

READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

LET'S GET STARTED!

