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As bad as it is for the 44% of homeless people who have jobs and cannot escape homelessness, climbing out of homelessness is virtually impossible for those without a job.

Report on Employment and Homelessness by the National Coalition for the Homeless, July 2009

2009 AT HOME GROUP FACTS SHEET

OUR SOLUTION FOR HOMELESSNESS — REMOVING OBSTACLES TO EMPLOYMENT

The simplest solution is often the one most overlooked, like asking individuals what they need! We simply ask, “What is keeping you from going back to work?” Then, we remove that obstacle.

WHO WE SERVE

Adults (and indirectly their families) who are experiencing homelessness. They live on the streets, in their cars, in shelters, with friends or in other housing that is unstable or subsidized.

Many come with a long work history, training and skills; they are eager to get back to work. Many in this group do not need resume writing, interviewing and on-the-job training. They only need to have a small obstacle removed and they are back to work. For example, a carpenter whose apartment burns can go back to work the next day if he gets his tools replaced.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE GET INVOLVED?

Our goal is to get people working in jobs that pay well enough for them to be independent so they are able to pay their own bills and housing costs.

When we remove their employment obstacles, our clients return to the work force.

- Going from unstable housing to being able to afford to have their families “at home” again.
- Going from being unemployed to being a taxpayer
- Going from depending on assistance to helping others

THE PROCESS

Clients are referred by partner agencies after they have completed that agency’s intake. A client’s references are checked and the client is then approved, denied or offered an alternative plan.

Clients are never given money directly; a staff member makes all the purchases/payments for the items needed; the client’s obstacle to employment is removed and they are back at work.

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THE PROGRAMS

On the Bus Average time is the next day.
Bus cards are available for the first month of employment.

Tools for the Job Average time is 4 days to get back to work
Common obstacles include uniforms, equipment, licenses, etc

Your Own Business Average time is 3 months to start a business
Clients must take a business class and develop a business plan.

Education Programs Varies
Only available for People Serving People clients

HOW THE MONEY IS SPENT/STATISTICS

Programs and Program Expenses The good news for clients is that 100% of the money from donations goes directly to requests.

Administrative Expenses They are all paid by the Board of Directors or their foundations, thus, allowing all donations to be used for client services.

STATISTICS

At Home Group Service Statistics

	2006	2007	2008	2009
Education/WIM	5	14	26	60
Your Own Business	2	5	8	10
Tools for the Job	7	39	74	72
On the Bus	34	52	72	110
Totals	48	110	184	252

LOOK AT HOW SMALL SUMS OF MONEY CHANGE LIVES

With very small sums, workers' obstacles to employment are removed; people are back to work. Even small sums from our donors remove obstacles. Here are examples:

Needs	Permanent Solutions	
Commercial driver's license renewal	Payment of renewal fee	\$ 35
Physical exam for truck driving	Medical fee is paid	\$ 46
Uniform or required shoes & pants	Uniforms or appropriate clothes	\$ 60
Transportation to work	Bus fare for the first month	\$ 85
Experienced carpenter	Tools purchased	\$300
Certificates such as in CPR	Class is subsidized	\$ 95
State license renewals	State fee is paid	varies

Please help by

Donating The website is www.athomegroup.org or use www.GiveMN.razoo.com
Other Contact us about volunteering and other ways you can help - **612.277.0216**.

Removing obstacles TO EMPLOYMENT FOR HOMELESS AND PRECARIOUSLY HOUSED
ADULTS SO THEY CAN LEAD QUALITY, SELF-DIRECTED LIVES.