



# Shelter the Homeless

## A Corporeal Work of Mercy

It's likely that you've seen one of these signs around Dublin, and thought to yourself, "[So what should I do when I encounter someone who is homeless and asking for my help?](#)"

- First, watch an [informative video](#) about homelessness and ways anyone can help created by missionaries at [Christ in the City](#). Need the condensed version? The video cites 5 easy ways to help those on the streets:
  1. Ask the person's name.
  2. Offer a handshake.
  3. Give goods, not money. (e.g. socks, bottle of water)
  4. Offer soft food.
  5. Offer to pray for them.

Note: The city of Dublin requests that you not give aid from your vehicle as it places the panhandler at risk of being hit by your car or another. For more info, [click here](#).
- Help Habitat for Humanity of Union and Delaware Counties earn up to \$20,000 by [volunteering during the Parade of Homes](#) September 1-16, 2018 (and receive free admission!)
- Support local homeless shelters by donating money or needed items
  - [Friends of Homelessness](#) for requested items click "Our Wish List"
  - [The Open Shelter, Inc.](#)
- Remodeling or redecorating? Donate usable building materials, appliances, or furniture through [Habitat MidOhio ReStore](#) or Furniture Bank of Central Ohio

The practice of "sheltering the homeless" can extend to children awaiting adoption or families uprooted to care for an ill loved-one. Ways to help:

- [Volunteer to help Foster Children](#) through programs such as "Birthday Boxes" or "Sweet Cases"
- Offer support to a family in the adoption process or consider fostering, adopting, or volunteering through [Franklin County Children's Services](#)
- During a child's birthday party or group event, create [Welcome Blankets](#) or [Snack Packs](#) for the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House

