



What you can do to help solve homelessness

- **Learn** about the causes of homelessness. Learn about the Greater Vancouver Homelessness Plan (www.gvrd.bc.ca/homelessness/).
- **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 provincial MLAs and federal MPs can be sent free of charge.

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

www.canada.gc.ca/directories/direct_e.html#mp

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

www.leg.bc.ca/mla/

- **Be respectful** and courteous to homeless people.
- **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 for homelessness.

What your organization or business can do

- **Get the word out** – use your newsletters, websites (link to stophomelessness.ca) and correspondence to talk about Homelessness
- **Organize a 'drive'**. Clothes, shoes, socks, food, bedding or cash donations are needed and can be delivered to an agency serving people who are homeless.
- **Hold a meeting** or forum to discuss solutions to homelessness.
- **Volunteer** – there are outreach events for people who are homeless throughout the Greater Vancouver region.

Pledge to End Homelessness in Surrey today at

www.pledgetoendhomelessness.org