

A-State Student Social  
Work Field Internship At  
The HUB  
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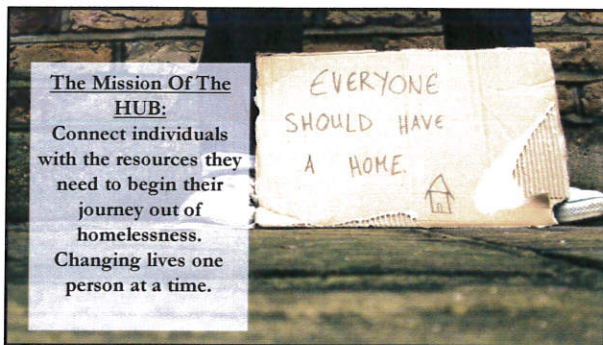
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**The Mission Of The HUB:**  
Connect individuals with the resources they need to begin their journey out of homelessness. Changing lives one person at a time.

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### Services

The HUB offers onsite services such as:

- One-day bus passes to qualified HUB guests for specific HUB-related tasks
- A temporary mailing address (available during our normal business hours)
- Access to our computer for connective services
- Budgeting, Life Skills, and Job Readiness classes
- Haircuts



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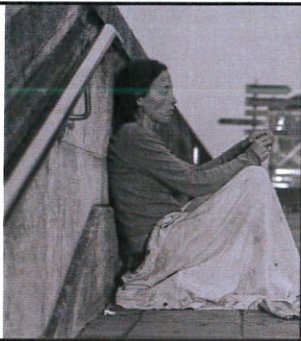
**Services**

Referrals to providers of available social services such as:

- Emergency shelters
- Veteran Services
- Job assistance (including Felony Friendly businesses)
- Counseling and/or Mental Health Care
- Clothing assistance

Information, advice, and assistance with:

- Arkansas SNAP Applications
- Medicaid and Medicare Applications
- Local Food Banks & Soup Kitchens
- Arkansas Identification Cards
- Birth Certificates




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**Observations & Misconceptions**

Society's view of a homeless individual  
Diversity among the homeless population

Why can't they just get a job?

- Barriers towards gaining employment
- Felons
- Not hiring
- Education/Vocational Training
- Working Poor
- Chronically homeless & learned helplessness theory

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**Observations & Misconceptions**

Gap in resources

- Shelters
- Low-income housing
- Food & clothing
- Transportation
- Resources for families with children
- Re-entry process for felons

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**Small Achievements**

- An individual walking through our door
- Following through on referrals & tasks
- Someone coming back in
- Establishing a trusting relationship
- Providing donations

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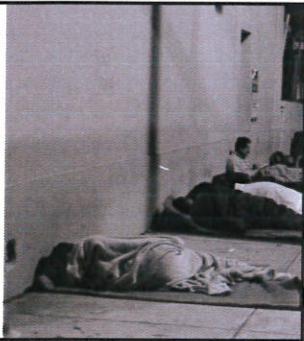
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**Bigger Achievements**

- Part-time job
- Approved for disability or SNAP
- Hotel stay
- Going through rehabilitation services
- Finding permanent housing



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**Necessity of The HUB**

- Establishment of an access point for resources for the homeless
- Services exist, but can be difficult to navigate
- Needs
  - Volunteers
  - Donations

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The Necessity of Homeless Intervention Process

- Use of empowerment
- My reality vs. their reality
- Sympathy vs. empathy
- Ability to see them as human beings
- Reality of homelessness

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**Project Come Home**

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doesn't have to mean  
HOPELESS

Project Come Home  
Arkansas State University social work student's field internship to use a week to benefit a project and build awareness/awareness of the homeless population of Northeast Arkansas.

- March 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>
- Fundraising/raising community service
- Fundraiser night, donation drive, awareness activities, serving the homeless at Salvation Army

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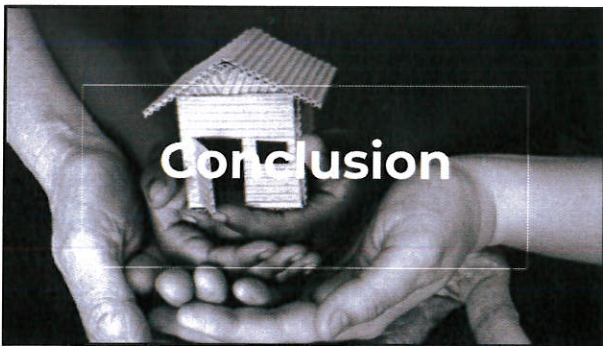
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