



The Voice Indianapolis



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Welcome!

By: Us

The Voice, a newsletter by the homeless voices of our community.

Welcome back to another issue of "The Voice." Like always, if you have missed any of our pervious issues click the following link to our website and find them there (www.creativechangeproject.com). On the Home page of our website you will see a designated box for the newsletters, click, and you are there.

The purpose of this newsletter is to raise awareness and educate the general public on real homeless issues and the truth about living homeless.

Our hope is that we can persuade readers to facilitate or attend a Cultural Competency Presentation which will profoundly change the way you view homelessness.

We hope you enjoy our work!

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IN THE NEWS

“Donald Trump Offers Ben Carson Role of Housing & Urban Development Secretary”

By: Mark Landler
New York Times
(November 22, 2016)

WASHINGTON — Ben Carson, the retired neurosurgeon who ran an outsider’s campaign for the Republican presidential nomination and later backed Donald J. Trump, is likely to be chosen as secretary of housing and urban development, according to a person close to the Trump transition, suggesting that the president-elect is seeking diversity in an administration that has started off predominantly white and male.

Mr. Carson would be the first African-American member of Mr. Trump’s cabinet — and a familiar face to millions of Americans after a Republican primary campaign in which he briefly soared to the top of the polls.

Mr. Trump has begun meeting with a wider array of prospects, either for advice or as potential cabinet picks. He is also considering Harold Ford Jr., an African-American former Democratic representative from Tennessee, for transportation secretary or another post,



though that process has not yet become serious, a Trump official said.

Interviewed on Tuesday on the Fox News program “Your World With Neil Cavuto,” Mr. Carson said the president-elect had offered him multiple positions in his cabinet. Asked specifically about the housing job, he replied, “I would say that it was one of the offers on the table.”

Mr. Carson’s job prospects had gotten somewhat lost in the recent flurry of speculation about key national security positions, as well as his own misgivings about his qualifications. But on Tuesday, Mr. Carson thrust himself back into the spotlight, with an assist from Mr. Trump.

“I am seriously considering Dr. Ben Carson as the head of HUD,” Mr. Trump said on Twitter, using the acronym for the Department of Housing and Urban Development. “I’ve gotten to know him well — he’s

a greatly talented person who loves people!”

In recent days, Mr. Trump has broadened the list of people he is consulting to include Michelle Rhee, a former District of Columbia schools chancellor; Representative Tulsi Gabbard, the Hawaii Democrat who is the first Hindu member of Congress; and Gov. Nikki R. Haley of South Carolina, an Indian-American. Mr. Ford, with whom he has not yet met, is a regular commentator on the MSNBC show “Morning Joe,” whose host, Joe Scarborough, Mr. Trump regularly calls for advice.

So far, however, his picks have consisted of five white men: Stephen K. Bannon as chief strategist in the White House, Reince Priebus as chief of staff, Senator Jeff Sessions as attorney general, Lt. Gen. Michael T. Flynn as national security adviser, and Representative Mike Pompeo as director of the C.I.A. Mr. Trump is also rumored to be close to naming Gen.

James N. Mattis as secretary of defense.

While not as vocal as other supporters like Rudolph W. Giuliani or Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey, Mr. Carson has been a steadfast backer of Mr. Trump. He went on television to defend him after the release of an “Access Hollywood” tape in which Mr. Trump spoke about groping women.

But his last job was as director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins University, and he has little background in housing. In the Fox interview, Mr. Carson cited his childhood in Detroit and his experience treating inner-city patients as qualifications for the job.

“I grew up in the inner city,” he said, “and have spent a lot of time there and have dealt with a lot of patients from that area and recognize that we cannot have a strong nation if we have weak inner cities, and we have to get beyond the promises and start really doing something.”

“You know, our inner cities are in terrible shape, and they definitely need some real attention,” Mr. Carson continued.

“You know, there have been so many promises made over the last several decades, and nothing has been done, so it certainly is something that has been a long-term interest of mine, and I’ll be thinking and praying about it seriously over the holiday.”

Mr. Carson’s remarks were a striking reversal from last week, when a friend of his said he had turned down an offer from Mr. Trump to be secretary of health and human services, citing his lack of experience in running a vast federal bureaucracy.

“Dr. Carson feels he has no government experience, he’s never run a federal agency,” his friend Armstrong Williams told The Hill newspaper. “The last thing he would want to do was take a position that could cripple the presidency.”

The Department of Housing and Urban Development, which was established by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1965, had 8,416 employees and an annual budget of \$32.6 billion as of 2014.

On his own Facebook page, Mr. Carson has said he would prefer to remain an outside adviser to

Mr. Trump.

“My decision not to seek a cabinet position in the Trump administration has nothing to do with the complexity of the job, as is being reported by some news outlets,” Mr. Carson said. “I believe it is vitally important for the Trump administration to have many outspoken friends and advisers who are outside of the Washington bubble.”

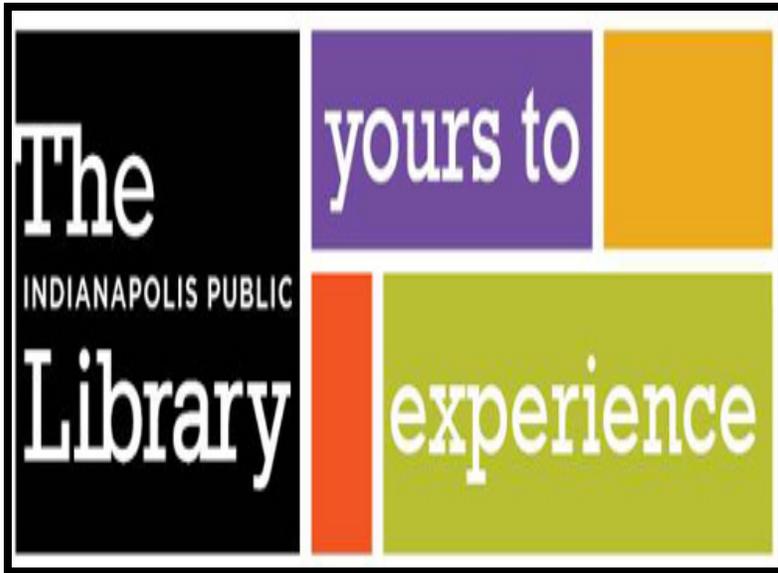
The relationship between Mr. Carson and Mr. Trump has had its ups and downs. Before the primaries, when Mr. Carson was riding high in the polls, Mr. Trump accused his rival of having a “pathological temper.” He based his accusation on a passage in “Gifted Hands,” Mr. Carson’s autobiography, in which he described having a strong temper and said that when he became angry, “I grabbed the nearest brick, rock or stick to bash someone.”

During the debates, however, Mr. Trump generally spared Mr. Carson the cutting remarks he aimed at Jeb Bush and Senator Marco Rubio of Florida.

Later, when Mr. Carson endorsed Mr. Trump, he conceded that it was difficult to reconcile the bombastic figure on the trail with what he described as a more thoughtful person behind closed doors.

“There’s the one you see on the stage,” Mr. Carson said, “and there’s the one who’s very cerebral, sits there and considers things very carefully.”





Central Library
40 East St. Clair Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204



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While there might be limits on some services due to residency outside of the Library district, or due to past abuse of Library policy, Library staff work hard every day to make sure that patrons can find the resources they need at the Library, and to help make central Indiana a better place to live and work.

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For more information contact: <http://www.indypl.org/>

1. Diapers

You could collect diapers and give them to your local diaper bank or food pantry. One in three low income mothers reports that she can't afford enough diapers to keep her baby clean, dry and healthy. This can lead to diaper rash or more serious infections. Because child care centers require parents to provide diapers, poor parents are sometimes unable to access child care. That means parents cannot work, and toddlers miss out on early childhood education. The National Diaper Bank Network provides a toolkit for anyone who wants to do a diaper drive. A great thing about holding a diaper drive is that it's an opportunity to educate your community about an issue that's often hidden.

2. Socks

Similarly, a sock drive can help educate your school, office or faith community about a painful reality of homelessness. Typically homeless people suffer from foot problems, including infections, frostbite and injuries caused by rubbing from ill-fitting shoes. Diabetics, alcoholics and people taking HIV medication are at high risk for neuropathy.

New socks can help keep feet clean to get infection under control, provide a barrier of warmth to protect against frostbite and give a layer of protection to feet damaged by rubbing against shoes. Programs that serve the homeless can never get enough men's tube socks.

3. Toothpaste

About 17 percent of kids aged 2 to 17 do not go to the dentist every year. A drive can at least make sure that every child in your community has the tools for good oral hygiene: toothpaste, toothbrushes and dental floss. Doing this collection will also be a way to educate more fortunate kids about how important regular brushing is.

4. Underwear

Often people in extreme poverty can get donated used clothing. But used underwear (like used socks) gets thrown away. Particularly for homeless people, this makes hygiene difficult. How can you keep your body clean if you don't have access to a shower or laundry and you have only one pair of underwear? Hold an underwear drive, and your local shelter will be happy to distribute what you collect.

5. Cleaning supplies

Food stamps and other safety net programs do not pay for cleaning supplies - often the most expensive things in the grocery cart. Collect dish liquid, bleach, detergent, sponges and mops. Bring it to an organization that provides affordable, transitional or supportive housing. You will make someone's home much more pleasant for the holidays.

These drives are fairly easy to organize - and they make a big difference to people who receive these items. The learning experience

may be as important as the aid you give. Being poor is like being caught in a sandstorm - you get hit from every angle, all the time. It is critical that more caring people understand just how many basic needs our neighbors must forego. Having an additional drive to focus on a basic need in addition to food will help your group give the most important gift of all - empathy.

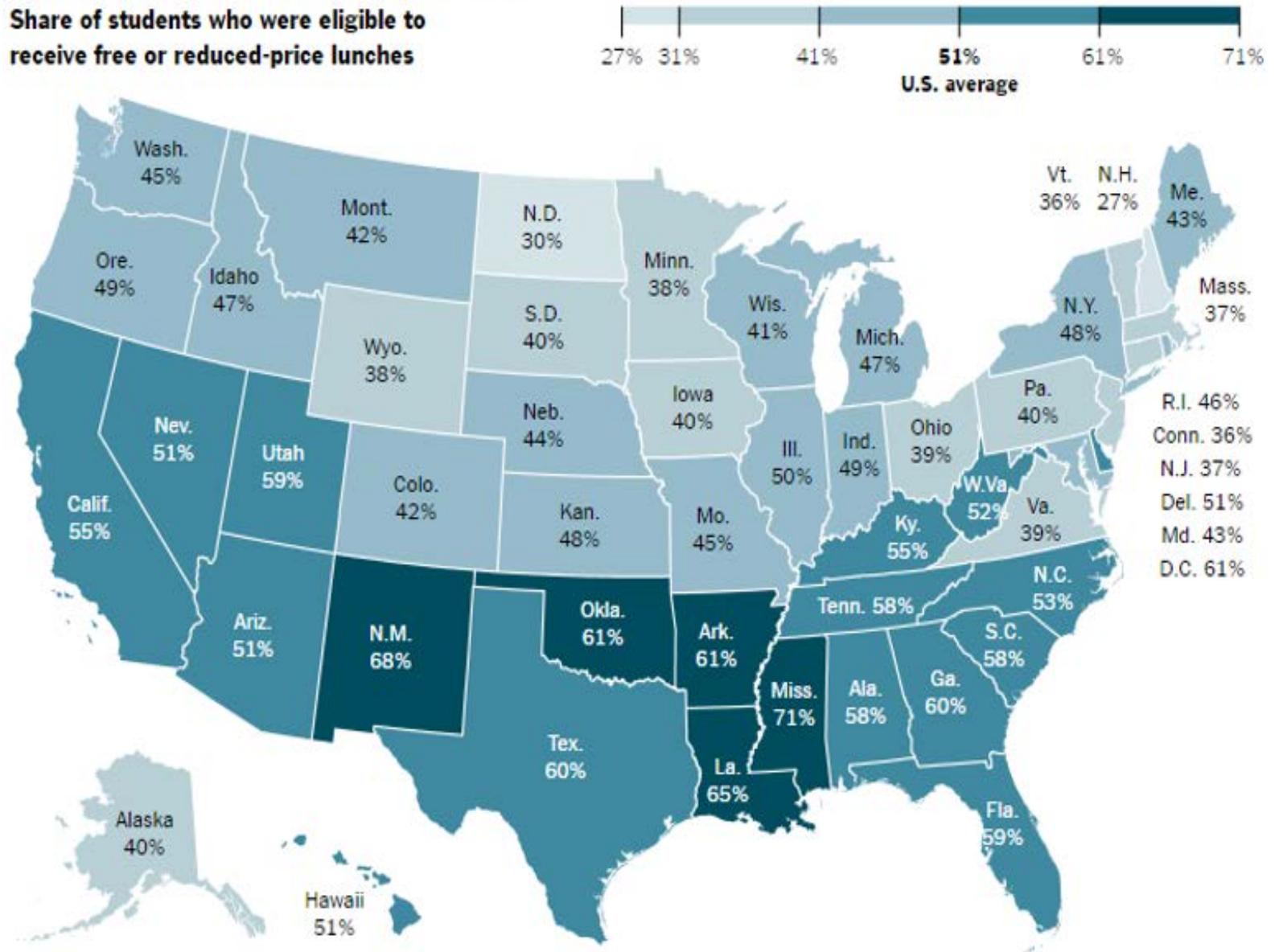


CHARTING THE WAY:

Source: (see below)

Low-Income Students, State by State

Share of students who were eligible to receive free or reduced-price lunches



Data is for the 2012-13 school year.

Sources: Southern Education Foundation; National Center for Education Statistics

The New York Times

Homeless Experience – Living Homeless

By: James Baxley

See the woman taking your order at McDonalds or the man delivering your pizza? They are homeless. There is a misnomer that the homeless don't work. The two people I mentioned at the beginning of this post who are homeless, it's not because they're lazy. It's because wages are low and housing prices are forever rising that working a low wage job just doesn't cut it anymore; a person needs two jobs and a roommate to live decently.



Many college students are homeless. They are using the school as a place to sleep and using the gym to shower and shave, that's what I did for awhile when I was homeless.

When a person lives on the street normally they have no access to showers. Most homeless people have no money for a haircut much less to wash their clothes. How long do you think it would take a person to develop really bad hygiene? Not long. You can't live your whole life washing in public restrooms. I got away with it (on and off) for nearly two years. Speaking about restrooms and homelessness, there were times when I slept in public toilets. I think I was sleeping in public toilets intermittently for nearly six months (and not the same one all the time).

“Bleak, dark, and piercing cold, it was a night for the well-housed and fed to draw round the bright fire, and thank God they were at home; and for the homeless starving wretch to lay him down and die. Many hunger-worn outcasts close their eyes in our bare streets at such times, who, let their crimes have been what they may, can hardly open them in a more bitter world.”

— Charles Dickens, *Oliver Twist*

I actually worked for two months before my boss found out I was homeless. Him and the staff belittled me and made life difficult for me until I quit. I didn't make a lot of money, just enough to sleep in a flophouse on the south side of the city for a few days out of the week; I didn't get this job until I had been homeless for over a year and this didn't last long. It's hard to explain the difficulties associated with surviving on the streets as a homeless person if you haven't been there.

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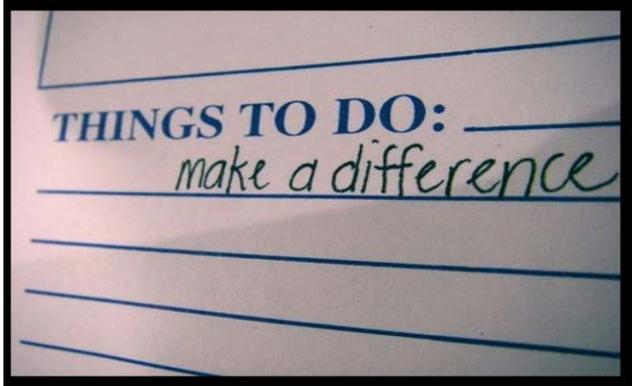
Medical, Dental and Vision Coverage



**Bring:
1. IDENTIFICATION**

**WEDNESDAY'S @
CENTRAL LIBRARY
10:30am**

Food 4 Thought

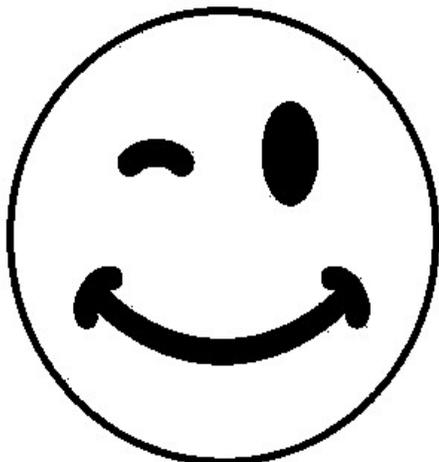


Homeless people do not always look how we expect them to



Check out our Facebook page to see more: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Creative-Change-Project/303593586466151>

a bit of Humor...



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What do you really know about Homelessness?

Cultural Competency PRESENTATION

December 2016

Calendarpedia
Your source for calendars

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



SATURDAY



December 10, 2016



NORA BRANCH

Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library

8625 Guilford Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46240

Presenter: Maurice Young, Homeless Advocate



FREE LUNCH!



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cultural-competency-presentation-tickets-27491088586>

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The **HOMELESS** EXPERIENCE



DATE: SEE YOU NEXT YEAR! (2017)

TIME: 5pm Friday (Begin) – 2pm Sunday (End)

LOCATION: Downtown Indianapolis

**WALK
A MILE
IN MY SHOES**

Have you ever wondered what it’s really like to be homeless and live out on the streets? Come see firsthand the situations that homeless individuals face daily by “Walking a Mile in my Shoes.” This new program will allow you to:

1. Engage with the homeless of our community
2. Meet those who serve the homeless community
3. Acquire knowledge regarding the growing crisis of homelessness and
4. Become aware of the public’s attitudes towards people who are homeless

Space is limited, so visit our website to sign up for this rare experience. A general itinerary is listed on our website for preview.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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EVENTS



Code + Snacks.

Join us for a free coding class.

Interested in a career in technology? Software developers are in demand. Bring your laptop, grab a bite and try your hand at learning to code (all for free!). Visit the link below for all of the details.

Introduction to Front and Back-End Engineering

Thursday, December 1 at 6 pm

The Iron Yard

475 E. Market Street

theironyard.com/meetindy



Questions? Talk to a human:
indy@theironyard.com
317.238.3988

UPCOMING EVENTS



Legal Clinic for Immigrants

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

International Marketplace

[3919 Lafayette Road, Suite 395, Indianapolis, IN 46222](#)

(located at front of Lafayette Square Mall near the north end)

Free 15-minute consultation with an immigration attorney

Bring your immigration documents and any documents related to criminal issues.

Naturalization Workshop

Saturday, December 3, 2016

9:30 am - 5:30 pm

Northview Middle School

[8401 Westfield Boulevard
Indianapolis, IN 46240](#)

Apply for Citizenship before the fees increase at the end of December

Questions? Call us at (317) 808-2326

UPCOMING EVENTS

H.O.P.E. TEAM MONTHLY MEETING



Join Us!

Wednesdays, December 13, 2016
(11am)

Julia Carson Gov Center

300 E Fall Creek Pkwy N Dr
Indianapolis, IN 46205



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Host:

Founder: Kim Boyd, President

klb2600@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

★ **IMPACT Holiday** ★
Hiring Event
Wednesday December 14, 2016
 ★ **9AM - 12PM** ★

* Dress for success and bring your resume
 * Walk in prepared, walk out with a new job!

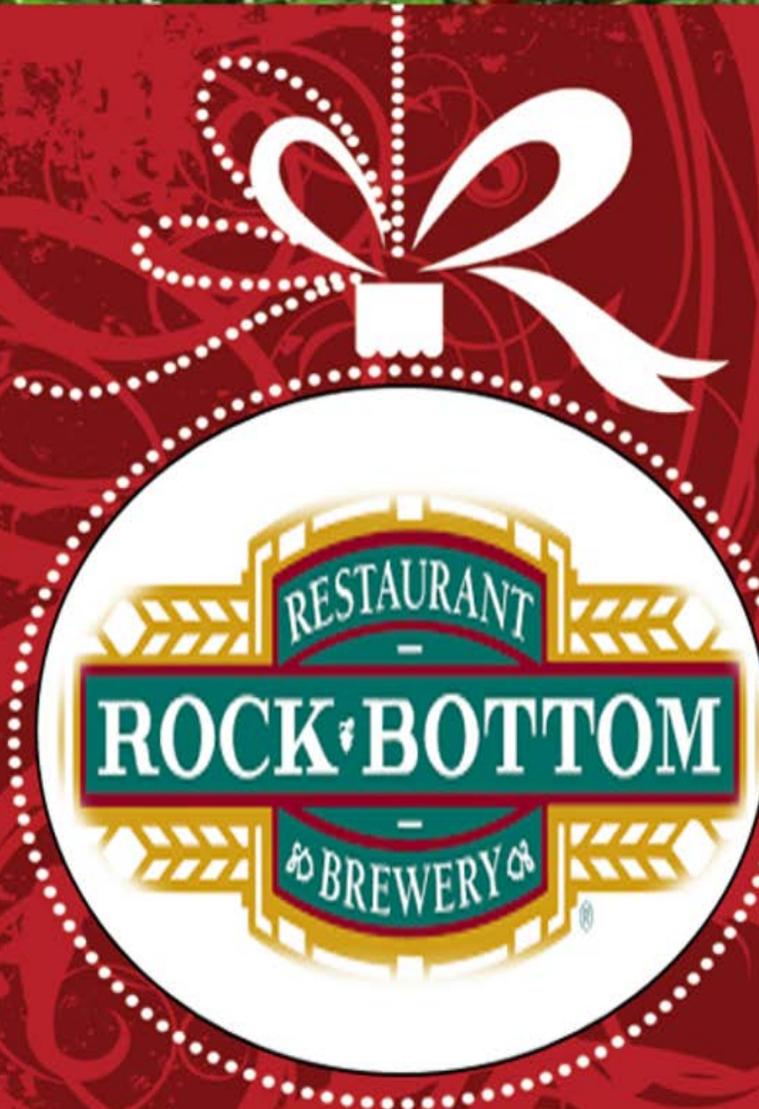
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 1st Floor
 Indianapolis, IN
 46219



UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Day

Christmas Day



WHERE: Rock Bottom Restaurant
10 W Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

WHEN: Sunday, December 26, 2016

TIME: 11:30 am



FREE DINNER FOR THE HOMELESS

Don't forget!!!



<http://indy26aug.wix.com/hand-of-hope>



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Homeless Resource & Services

"The world is beautiful outside when there is stability inside"



FREE MEALS



FOOD PANTRIES



SURVIVAL GUIDE



SERVICES

The purpose of this site is to share resources and services with those advocating for individuals transitioning "in or out" of homelessness. We need your help to keep this guide current. If there are agencies to be added or removed, information updates or changes, please contact us at indy26aug@gmail.com. Or call (317) 762-5890. Thanks!



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