

## WAYMC Homeless Experience Information

**PERMISSION SLIP IS ATTACHED AND DUE APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>!! THANKS!!**

**Where?** St. Theodore – 8200 N. Wayne Road - Westland 48185

**When?: Fri. & Sat. April 26 & 27, 2013** - Please arrive at **7:00pm** to begin box set up. The program will begin PROMPTLY at 9pm, so please allow enough time for box set up (it starts to get dark at 8!)

**How Much to Donate: \$8 per person including adults.** \$5 of each person's fee will be given directly to Covenant House, which provides shelter, education & vocational training, and other support to teens aged 13-22 who are homeless, runaways, or otherwise at-risk. The remainder will help cover the dumpster for cardboard, program supplies, & breakfast. Checks can be made out to WAYMC.

**\*\*\* Again this year, we are asking parishes to contribute some of the items from the wish list (on the back of this flyer) for Covenant House to give to those in their programs.**

*\*one idea is to sponsor a drive for these items in the weeks before the homeless experience.*

**What to Bring:** Each participant needs to bring their own cardboard box, sleeping bag or blankets, extra clothes for warmth. Please note that this is hosted mid-spring; temperatures could be very cold at night. Also bring lots of duct tape or any heavy duty tape to keep boxes held together. ***Please do not bring flashlights, radios, pagers, cellular phones, snacks, pop, tobacco products, alcohol, drugs, etc.*** If rain is forecasted, please bring garbage bags or a tarp for the top and bottom of your box.

**What will we be doing?** : We will be spending an evening as some homeless people do - sleeping outside all night in a cardboard box. There will be scheduled visitors dropping in during the evening.

**7:00pm** Gathering, claiming your parish's patch of ground and setting up boxes

**9:00pm** Opening Prayer and Introductions

**9:30pm** Speakers from Covenant House will come and present on the topic of homelessness

**11:00pm** Hot soup and sandwiches.

**7:00am** All homeless are to be off the streets! Businesses open, and they are not a welcome sight. So we will be washing up (bring soap & toothbrush & toothpaste), cleaning up our boxes, and getting ready for prayer service.

**7:30am** Prayer Service and Breakfast

**8:00am** Parents pick up teens

## **Wish List for Covenant House**

Covenant House provides shelter, educational and vocational programs, and other support for teens aged 13-22, who are homeless, runaways, or otherwise at-risk.

At present they are in the greatest need of the following items:

**Undergarments – there is a great need for larger sizes:**

Male and female underwear

Boxers

Bras

**Clothing:**

Belts

Flip Flops

They are also always willing to take the following items:

**Toiletries**

Shampoo

Conditioner

Soap

Deodorant

Shaving Cream

Hairbrushes

Feminine Products

**Brand new clothing for high school & college age students**

**All items should be NEW!**