

# 2024

## HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS EVENTS & DATES



ONGOING

- Sleep Out
  - Ongoing, Global

JANUARY

- World Economic Forum Sleepout
  - January 15th-19th, Davos, Switzerland
- Point In Time Count
  - Last Week of January, USA

FEBRUARY

- Winter Walk
  - February 11th, Massachusetts, USA
- Philanthropy Convening on Housing Justice
  - February 13th, California, USA
- ULI Housing Opportunity Conference
  - February 20th-21st, Texas, USA

MARCH

- Funders Forum
  - March 4th, California, USA
- Innovations and Solutions for Ending Unsheltered Homelessness Conference
  - March 4th-March 6th, California, USA
- International Conference of the Faculty for Homeless and Inclusion Health
  - March 13th-14th, London, Manchester, Leeds, and Birmingham, UK

APRIL

- Housing First Partners Conference
  - April 8th-11th, Georgia, USA
- Youth Homelessness Matters Day
  - April 17th, Global
- Homeless World Cup
  - April 27th-28th, Global

MAY

- Statewide Homeless Education Conference
  - May 8th-10th, California, USA
- HCH Conference & Policy Symposium
  - May 13th-16th, Arizona, USA

JUNE

- Bringing it Home Conference on Ending Homelessness
  - June 4th-5th, North Carolina, USA
- Hike for Homelessness
  - June 8th, Wales, UK

JULY

- No scheduled events
  - Continue educating yourself and advocating for homelessness awareness in your community!

AUGUST

- Health Care for the Homeless Day
  - August 8th, USA

SEPTEMBER

- United We Sleep
  - September 20th-21st, New Hampshire, USA

OCTOBER

- World Homeless Day
  - October 10th, Global
- CAEH24 - National Conference on Ending Homelessness
  - October 29th-30th, Ottawa, Canada

NOVEMBER

- Homelessness Awareness Month
  - November, USA
- Youth Homelessness Awareness Month
  - November, USA
- Runaway Prevention Month
  - November, USA
- Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week
  - November 11th-18th, USA

DECEMBER

- Homeless Persons' Memorial Day
  - December 21st, USA

Many organizations nationwide and globally are working to combat homelessness and get people housed by spreading awareness during events & dedicated dates related to this topic.

There are numerous opportunities available to get involved and help in the effort to provide safe and fair housing to all.

Whether it be helping out in a nationwide effort or starting one right in your backyard, make 2024 your year to get involved and make a difference in the fight to end homelessness!



## SLEEP OUT

- A GLOBAL MOVEMENT TO END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS. PARTICIPANTS GIVE UP THEIR BED FOR ONE NIGHT TO RAISE MONEY FOR COVENANT HOUSE, A SAFE HAVEN FOR YOUTH FACING HOUSING CRISES.
- [HTTPS://WWW.COVENANTHOUSE.ORG/SLEEPOUT](https://www.covenanthouse.org/sleepout)

## WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM SLEPOUT

- HOMELESS ENTREPRENEUR HAS BEEN GIVING HOMELESS PEOPLE A VOICE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM SINCE 2018 BY JOINING LIVELY FORMAL AND INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS IN DAVOS, BUILDING AND STRENGTHENING ITS RELATIONSHIPS WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS AND CHALLENGING THE STATUS QUO WHILE SLEEPING OUT IN -20°C WEATHER DURING THE ENTIRE EVENT.
- [HTTPS://WWW.HOMELESSENTREPRENEUR.ORG/EN/SOLIDARY-PROJECTS/WORLD-ECONOMIC-FORUM-SLEPOUT](https://www.homelessentrepreneur.org/en/solidary-projects/world-economic-forum-slepoout)

## POINT IN TIME COUNT

- DURING THE LAST WEEK OF JANUARY, MANY COMMUNITIES WILL CONDUCT A COUNT OF ALL SHELTERED PEOPLE. ELECTRONIC ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS ARE USED TO ENUMERATE PEOPLE LIVING IN EMERGENCY SHELTERS AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING. THESE COUNTS ESTABLISH THE DIMENSIONS OF THE HOMELESSNESS ISSUE AND QUANTIFY IT.
- [HTTPS://ENDHOMELESSNESS.ORG/RESOURCE/WHAT-IS-A-POINT-IN-TIME-COUNT/](https://endhomelessness.org/resource/what-is-a-point-in-time-count/)

## WINTER WALK

- THE WINTER WALK IS AN INITIATIVE RAISING AWARENESS AND FUNDS TO HELP END HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITIES. IT CENTERS ON AN ANNUAL WALK, 2 MILES AROUND THE BOSTON COMMON IN FEBRUARY, THE COLDEST MONTH OF THE YEAR. THE WINTER WALK BRINGS TOGETHER SEVERAL GREATER BOSTON'S INCREDIBLE HOMELESS SERVICE PROGRAMS TO SHOW THE POWERFUL WORK BEING DONE IN OUR CITY.
- [HTTPS://WWW.BCHP.ORG/EVENTS/2024-WINTER-WALK/](https://www.bchp.org/events/2024-winter-walk/)

## PHILANTHROPY CONVENING ON HOUSING JUSTICE

- THE CALIFORNIA PHILANTHROPY CONVENING ON HOUSING JUSTICE WILL BRING TOGETHER PHILANTHROPY WITH DIVERSE PRIORITIES AND MOVEMENT LEADERS TO EXPLORE HOW HOUSING JUSTICE EFFORTS INTERSECT WITH OTHER MOVEMENTS SUCH AS CLIMATE, HEALTH, IMMIGRANT RIGHTS, AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE.
- [HTTPS://WWW.FUNDERSTOGOGETHER.ORG/2024-CALIFORNIA-PHILANTHROPY-CONVENING-ON-HOUSING-JUSTICE](https://www.funderstogether.org/2024-california-philanthropy-convening-on-housing-justice)

## ULI HOUSING OPPORTUNITY CONFERENCE

- THE HOUSING OPPORTUNITY CONFERENCE CONVENES A MIX OF HOUSING INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS INCLUDING PRIVATE AND NONPROFIT REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS, PUBLIC OFFICIALS, URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNERS, HOUSING ADVOCATES, ARCHITECTS, INVESTORS, AND LENDERS WITH ONE COMMON GOAL – TO EXPAND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.
- [HTTPS://HOUSINGCONFERENCE.ULI.ORG/ABOUT/](https://housingconference.ulic.org/about/)

## FUNDERS FORUM

- THE FUNDERS FORUM WILL BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS'S 2024 INNOVATIONS & SOLUTIONS FOR ENDING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS CONFERENCE. THIS DAY-LONG PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PHILANTHROPY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT A MORE LIBERATED WORLD LOOKS LIKE AND HEAR HOW FUNDERS ARE INFUSING HOUSING JUSTICE VALUES IN THEIR GRANTMAKING AND ADVOCACY ACROSS A CONTINUUM FROM PREVENTION TO CRISIS RESPONSE.
- [HTTPS://WWW.FUNDERSTOGOGETHER.ORG/2024-FUNDERS-FORUM](https://www.funderstogether.org/2024-funders-forum)

## INNOVATIONS AND SOLUTIONS FOR ENDING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS

- THE 2024 INNOVATIONS AND SOLUTIONS FOR ENDING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS CONFERENCE WILL BRING TOGETHER SERVICE PROVIDERS, SYSTEM LEADERS, ADVOCATES, AND PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE OF HOMELESSNESS TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER, DISCUSS BEST PRACTICES, AND SHARE NEW INNOVATIONS IN THE FIELD.
- [HTTPS://ENDHOMELESSNESS.ORG/EVENTS/CONFERENCES/2024-INNOVATIONS-AND-SOLUTIONS-FOR-ENDING-UNSHELTERED-HOMELESSNESS/](https://endhomelessness.org/events/conferences/2024-innovations-and-solutions-for-ending-unsheltered-homelessness/)

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE FACULTY FOR HOMELESS AND INCLUSION HEALTH

- THE 2024 SYMPOSIUM WILL AGAIN BRING TOGETHER THE BEST PRACTICE, POLICY, CLINICAL AND INTERVENTION WORK WITH PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND OTHER INCLUSION HEALTH GROUPS, NOT JUST FROM THE UK BUT INTERNATIONALLY.
- [HTTPS://WWW.PATHWAY.ORG.UK/EVENTS/CONFERENCES/](https://www.pathway.org.uk/events/conferences/)

## HOUSING FIRST PARTNERS CONFERENCE

- HFPC AIMS TO FOSTER A COLLABORATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT SHOWCASES INNOVATION AND BEST PRACTICES IN HOUSING FIRST PROGRAMS AND INSPIRES ACTION, COLLABORATION, AND ADVOCACY AMONG CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS. THE CONFERENCE CONTINUES TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS, COMMUNITIES AND THE GOVERNMENT TO WORK TOGETHER TO LEARN, COLLABORATE AND EXPAND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HOUSING FIRST ACROSS ALL ELEMENTS OF HOMELESSNESS SERVICES, HOUSING SYSTEMS, RESEARCH AND POLICY CHANGE.
- [HTTPS://WWW.HFPARTNERSCONFERENCE.COM/](https://www.hfpartnersconference.com/)

## YOUTH HOMELESSNESS MATTERS DAY

- THIS DAY IS OBSERVED ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY IN APRIL, ON APRIL 17 THIS YEAR, TO RAISE AWARENESS AND PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF HOMELESS YOUNG PEOPLE SO THAT THERE CAN BE SUSTAINABLE AND INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR SUPPORTING THEIR NEEDS AND THEIR DREAMS.
- [HTTPS://NATIONALTODAY.COM/YOUTH-HOMELESSNESS-MATTERS-DAY/](https://nationaltoday.com/youth-homelessness-matters-day/)

## HOMELESS WORLD CUP

- THE HOMELESS WORLD CUP IS A FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT WITH PURPOSE. THEIR YEAR-ROUND WORK CULMINATES IN A WORLD CLASS EVENT WHICH HAS THE POWER TO CHANGE THE LIVES OF PARTICIPANTS AND SHAPE ATTITUDES TOWARDS THIS GLOBAL ISSUE, USING THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE OF FOOTBALL. A WORLD WITHOUT HOMELESSNESS. THAT'S THE GOAL.
- [HTTPS://WWW.HOMELESSWORLDCUP.ORG/](https://www.homelessworldcup.org/)

## STATEWIDE HOMELESS EDUCATION CONFERENCE

- THE CALIFORNIA HOMELESS EDUCATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS (HETACS), SCHOOLHOUSE CONNECTION (SHC), AND THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (CDE) ARE PARTNERING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE FIRST IN-PERSON STATEWIDE HOMELESS EDUCATION CONFERENCE.
- [HTTPS://WWW.CAHOMELESSEDUCATION.COM/](https://www.cahomelesseeducation.com/)

## HCH CONFERENCE & POLICY SYMPOSIUM

- THE ANNUAL NATIONAL HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS CONFERENCE & POLICY SYMPOSIUM IS THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST GATHERING OF PRACTITIONERS OF HOMELESS HEALTH CARE, MEDICAL RESPITE CARE, ADVOCATES, PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE OF HOMELESSNESS, AND RESEARCHERS ABOUT HOMELESSNESS.
- [HTTPS://NHCHC.ORG/TRAININGS/2024-HCH-CONFERENCE-POLICY-SYMPOSIUM/?GCLID=CJ0KCQIA67CRBHC1ARISACKAA8SK-T3MY-7DFKLISQB8VAFNOYAMOLURWUWIEWWSDPKBDARFUN15ALWAARPPEALW\\_WCB](https://nhchc.org/trainings/2024-hch-conference-policy-symposium/?gclid=Cj0KCQia67CRBHC1ARISACKAA8Sk-T3MY-7DFKLISQB8VAFNOYAMOLURWUWIEWWSDPKBDARFUN15ALWAARPPEALW_WCB)

## BRINGING IT HOME CONFERENCE ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS

- IN-PERSON CONFERENCE AT THE MCKIMMON CENTER IN RALEIGH FOCUSING ON PROPOSAL PRESENTATIONS REGARDING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESS SERVICES, USES OF FUNDING, AND MUCH MORE.
- [HTTPS://NCHOUSING.ORG/BRINGING-IT-HOME-2024/#:~:TEXT=AS%20PREPARATIONS%20BEGIN%20FOR%20THE,ARE%20CALLING%20FOR%20PRESENTATION%20PROPOSALS](https://nchousing.org/bringing-it-home-2024/#:~:text=AS%20PREPARATIONS%20BEGIN%20FOR%20THE,ARE%20CALLING%20FOR%20PRESENTATION%20PROPOSALS)

## HIKE FOR HOMELESS

- THIS IS A DAY DEDICATED TO HIKING AND RAISING FUNDS FOR HOMELESSNESS. BY RAISING FUNDS AND AWARENESS BY HIKING IN THIS BEAUTIFUL PART OF WALES, WE AIM TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SUPPORT TO YOUNG PEOPLE AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS IN THE WEST MIDLANDS, WHO ARE IN INCREASING NEED OF OUR HELP.
- [HTTPS://STBASILS.ORG.UK/EVENTS/HIKE-FOR-HOMELESS-2024/](https://stbasils.org.uk/events/hike-for-homeless-2024/)

## HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS DAY

- THIS DAY CELEBRATES THE SPECIAL POPULATION HEALTH CENTERS OF HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS (HCH). EACH YEAR CONSUMERS AND STAFF AT HCH ORGANIZATIONS HOLD EVENTS TO HIGHLIGHT OUR SHARED WORK TO MEET THE BASIC HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITHOUT HOMES, ELIMINATE HEALTH DISPARITIES, AND END HOMELESSNESS.
- [HTTPS://NHCHC.ORG/CONSUMERS/EVENTS/HEALTH-CARE-FOR-THE-HOMELESS-DAY/](https://nhchc.org/consumers/events/health-care-for-the-homeless-day/)

## UNITED WE SLEEP

- EXPERIENCE A NIGHT WITHOUT "HOME" AT UNITED WE SLEEP. THIS EVENT BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER TO DISCUSS AND BECOME MORE AWARE ABOUT THE ISSUES OF EXTREME POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS. COME AWAY WITH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE HARSHIPS THAT THE HOMELESS GO THROUGH. THROUGH YOUR PARTICIPATION AND FUNDRAISING YOU ARE MAKING THE STATEMENT, "I CARE ABOUT MY COMMUNITY".
- [HTTPS://UNITEDWAYNASHUA.ORG/EVENT/UNITED-WE-SLEEP/](https://unitedwaynashua.org/event/united-we-sleep/)

## INTERNATIONAL WORLD HOMELESS DAY

- THIS INTERNATIONAL DAY SERVES AS A PLATFORM TO ADVOCATE FOR IMPROVED POLICIES AND FUNDING THAT CAN HELP PREVENT AND END HOMELESSNESS.
- [HTTPS://WWW.WORLDHOMELESSDAY.ORG/](https://www.worldhomelessday.org/)

## CAEH24 - NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS

- ENDING HOMELESSNESS IS A CHALLENGE THAT REQUIRES ALL OF US AND IT'S ESSENTIAL THAT WE ARE ALL WORKING TOGETHER AS WE FIND SOLUTIONS THAT SUPPORT ALL CANADIANS INTO HOMES. IN OTTAWA IN OCTOBER 2024, WE'LL CONTINUE LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER, SHARING OUR SUCCESSES AND LESSONS, AND WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE HOMELESSNESS HISTORY. THIS CONFERENCE WILL KEEP BRINGING US CLOSER TO ENSURING ALL CANADIANS HAVE A PLACE TO CALL HOME.
- [HTTPS://CONFERENCE.CAEH.CA/](https://conference.caeh.ca/)

## NATIONAL HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS MONTH AND NATIONAL HOMELESS YOUTH AWARENESS MONTH.

- SAMHSA WORKS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL PARTNERS AND NATIONAL EXPERTS TO PROVIDE TRAINING ON HOUSING, TREATMENT AND RECOVERY MODELS FOCUSED ON ADULTS, CHILDREN, AND FAMILIES WHO ARE EXPERIENCING OR AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS AND HAVE SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS AND/OR SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE, AND SUBSTANCE USE. THESE PARTNERSHIPS CONTRIBUTE TO HOUSING STABILITY, RECOVERY, AND ENDING HOMELESSNESS.
- [HTTPS://WWW.SAMHSA.GOV/NEWSROOM/OBSERVANCES/HOMELESSNESS-AWARENESS-MONTH#:~:TEXT=NOVEMBER%20IS%20NATIONAL%20HOMELESSNESS%20AWARENESS%20MONTH%20AND%20NATIONAL%20HOMELESS%20YOUTH%20AWARENESS%20MONTH](https://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/observances/homelessness-awareness-month#:~:text=NOVEMBER%20IS%20NATIONAL%20HOMELESSNESS%20AWARENESS%20MONTH%20AND%20NATIONAL%20HOMELESS%20YOUTH%20AWARENESS%20MONTH)

## HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK

- HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK IS AN ANNUAL PROGRAM WHERE PEOPLE COME TOGETHER ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS. PARTICIPATING GROUPS SPEND THE WEEK HOLDING A SERIES OF EDUCATIONAL, SERVICE, FUNDRAISING, AND ADVOCACY EVENTS.
- [HTTPS://HHWEEK.ORG/](https://hhweek.org/)

## NATIONAL RUNAWAY PREVENTION MONTH

- THIS IS A PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO "SHINE A LIGHT" ON THE EXPERIENCES OF YOUTH WHO HAVE RUN AWAY AND YOUTH WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS THAT TOO OFTEN REMAIN INVISIBLE. IT IS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPOTLIGHT THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT YOUTH IN CRISIS THROUGHOUT THE NATION. AS PART OF THE CAMPAIGN, YOUTH, ADULTS, ORGANIZATIONS, CORPORATIONS AND COMMUNITIES NATIONWIDE WORK TOGETHER TO PREVENT YOUTH HOMELESSNESS.
- [HTTPS://WWW.1800RUNAWAY.ORG/PREVENTION-EDUCATION/NRMP](https://www.1800runaway.org/prevention-education/nrmp)

## HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY

- EVENTS OCCUR AROUND THIS DATE EVERY YEAR, WHERE PEOPLE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND WORK TO STRENGTHEN THE RESOLVE TO WORK FOR A WORLD WHERE NO LIFE IS LIVED OR LOST IN HOMELESSNESS. IT'S STATED CLEARLY, TOGETHER WITH OTHERS IN SCORES OF COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE NATION, THAT NO PERSON SHOULD DIE FOR LACK OF HOUSING.
- [HTTPS://NHCHC.ORG/CONSUMERS/EVENTS/HOMELESS-PERSONS-MEMORIAL-DAY/](https://nhchc.org/consumers/events/homeless-persons-memorial-day/)