**"SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE" - providing sleeping bags for all the homeless in Seattle/King County, VIDEO INCLUDED.**

A great, true Seattle story just in time for Thanksgiving that our community would love to hear and get involved with.

It's something we all see every day. Homeless people in our city. While Eddie Wang was attending the University of Washington, he noticed this in abundance. His heart ached for these people, but he didn't know how to help. Until recently, it hit him. Give the gift of sleep. So Eddie and a group of friends started the project "Sleepless in Seattle - Seattle Gives Back" to give back to the community. It started out as an idea, and has spiraled into so much more. His main goal is to raise money to purchase and distribute sleeping bags for all the homeless in Seattle and King County, with the hope that we can help so many more. Here are a few key factors being used to accomplish this goal:

-- We created a video capturing the stories of homeless across Seattle and where they sleep. Here is a link to the video... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41itNIM69Ps>

--We've created a crowd sourcing campaign to raise $75,000 by Thanksgiving, and we are well on our way with $38,288 raised as well as an anonymous $25,000 1:1 matching grant. We are looking to raise an additional $11,712 to meet our campaign goals. You can check the Indiegogo link here: <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/sleepless-in-seattle-seattle-gives-back/x/8733613#home> or visit directly at sleeplessinseattle.org.

--In addition to the donation component, there'll be a "BIG GIVE" distribution day on Saturday 12/13 3pm-9:30pm hosted at 1808 18th Ave, Seattle, WA 98122 where train 200 volunteers will be trained on interacting with the homeless before being sent across the county in teams with an experienced leader in order to reach the entire homeless population and distribute the sleeping bags.

-Additional sleeping bags will be donated through over 20 non-profit [distribution partners](https://docs.google.com/a/uw.edu/spreadsheets/d/1FUEDpYDbaTcXPm3QBSW0U47FH14VsZdMgW4iVmjDRrM/edit#gid=0).

--Also, PinkaBella Cupcakes will be donating a cupcake with every sleeping bag in an effort to spread some holiday cheer. Columbia Sportswear has donated 200 beanies. MM Comfort Systems (local HVAC Company) has come on as the lead financial sponsor to keep people on the streets warm.

We want to give back to our community, and make a difference this holiday season. We hope you can be a part of it.

Please let us know if you have any questions or would be interested in covering this story. You can reach any of the Sleepless in Seattle team members below:

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