

## ***Hands of Hope:***

### ***Resources for Homeless Families***

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**Our mission is to provide supportive services (showers, laundry facilities, after-school tutoring, and other related services) to homeless school-aged children, preschool siblings and their families.**

### **Our Program:**

- ✚ Basic services for homeless children and their families, as referred primarily by local school districts--open weekday afternoons and early evenings
- ✚ Tutor and encourage children and parents for school readiness and educational success
- ✚ Life management skills and supportive counseling for parents
- ✚ Information and referral to other service providers, hosting other local providers for “clinic” operations at our facility

### **The Need:**

- ✚ **246 children attending schools in Sutter County and 332 attending schools in Yuba County are homeless as defined by McKinney-Vento federal legislation.**
- ✚ Nighttime places of residences reported as shelters, motels, vehicles, multiple families in single dwelling, parks, parking lots, abandoned buildings, etc.
- ✚ Homeless children attending school with lack of proper hygiene or clothing may cause:
  - Erratic or spotty school attendance, drop-out before graduation
  - Failure to achieve full academic and social potential in school
  - Possible gang affiliation
  - Chronic homelessness, drug addiction, alcoholism, mental illness

### **The Causes:**

- ✚ Parents’ low wages/low hours insufficient to obtain secure housing
- ✚ Sudden loss of job - all savings expended
- ✚ Medical crisis - no health care insurance
- ✚ Parents losing work over inability to remain presentable at work, or lacking opportunities for jobs because of lack of cleanliness

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#### *Things God Won't Ask*

- *God won't ask what kind of car you drove, He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.*
- *God won't ask the square footage of your house, He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.*
- *God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.*
- *God won't ask what your highest salary was, He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.*
- *God won't ask what your job title was, He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of our ability.*
- *God won't ask how many friends you had, He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.*
- *God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.*
- *God won't ask about the color of your skin, He'll ask about the content of your character.*