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Dear {FIRST_NAME|Friend},

Homelessness is quickly becoming America's "forgotten tragedy." Across this country, teams of response workers NCH are encountering historic levels of economic hardship, childhood hunger, domestic violence, disabled veterans' languishing on the streets, as well as a rising tide of lethal hate crimes. For so many struggling Americans, homelessness is a daily hardship *hidden in plain view*.

NCH is announcing a new campaign, [Crisis Hidden in Plain View](#).

Contributions to housing the homeless have never been more necessary, and investments today have never more effective. Through the generosity of a long term anonymous donor, we are able to match your donation today up to \$30,000. Your financial investment today towards ending homelessness will go directly and totally towards supporting NCH's work.

Here our staff are [announcing the campaign](#)--and why we need your help.

Many of you have given in the past or already given to the current campaign, and we thank you for your continued trust. We invite you to share the message of this campaign, Crisis Hidden in Plain View, with your family, friends, and loved ones.

[You can give today at our website.](#)

Please give to the [campaign](#) today!



You can also [text NCH to 85944](#) and reply YES to make a \$10 donation.

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Upcoming Events

April 20-22, 2012 is being marked by Global Youth Service Day (GYSD). GYSD is the largest, and longest-running, annual day of service, and the only day of service dedicated to engaging and

Together, with your support and the support of all our members and colleagues, we will make a lasting difference.

Introducing NCH's Spring Interns!

From Sundal Ali (GWU '15)

Growing up in a small suburban town in Texas left me with a sheltered perspective of the world that was shattered upon arrival to Washington, DC. Homelessness was running rampant through the streets of DC and similarly, across the country. For decades this injustice has flourished in the streets of the strongest and wealthiest nation in the world and not enough has been done to solve it. By interning at the National Coalition for the Homeless, I am in a position where I can aid in protecting and promoting every individual's human right to shelter and housing.

Hear more stories from Jose Morales (AU '13) and Will Hernandez (Dartmouth '13) at our [blog](#).

News from the Field

Recently for the MLK Day of Service our VISTA teams worked to make it "a day on, not a day off." In Palm Beach County, the perfect service project presented itself at the soon to be opened Homeless Resource Center (HRC). Through a generous grant from the Quantum Foundation, a serenity and vegetable garden was planned for the Center.

AmeriCorps VISTA staff at the Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County used this opportunity to coordinate and organize a service project planting the serenity garden at the HRC utilizing community volunteers, students and other local AmeriCorps members. Future clients and guests of the HRC will have access to the serenity garden, as it serves to be a natural world environment where the stresses of homelessness can be alleviated.

For the first time ever, Palm Beach County's Homeless Resource Center will be a single point entry location to connect individuals and housing in an effort to end their homelessness. From the time a guest enters the front door, they will receive a diverse offering of quality services, referrals and a menu of housing options. All guests will have access to the serenity garden. Commemorative bricks will be laid in the walkways of the garden leaving a lasting mark by paving the way to end homelessness.

celebrating children and youth.
Find out more at <http://www.gysd.org>, or register your projects and events at <http://www.gysd.org/register>

NCH in the News

Huffington Post (Feb. 9) - [California Homeless Crisis Grows As State Is Reluctant To Use Powerful Law](#)

Huffington Post (Feb. 10) - [Indian River County Charity Plans Tent City For Homeless](#)

The Atlantic City Times (Feb. 22) - [The High Cost of a Homelessness Surge](#)

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