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# The Advocate

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## NCH Newsletter

May 19, 2011



### Orlando's Food-Sharing Ordinance

Dear {FIRST\_NAME|Friend},

Federal Appeals Court Ends Food Fight in Orlando  
in First Vagabonds Church of God v. City of Orlando

*On April 12, 2011, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit upheld the City of Orlando's ordinance limiting public food-sharing in parks to twice-yearly.*

In April of 2011, the Court of Appeals ruled in a unanimous decision to uphold the city limit of twice-yearly food-sharings in public parks. The court stated that the ordinance is not unconstitutionally restricting any party's First Amendment rights, finding the ordinance to be "a reasonable time, place, or manner restriction" that does not impose any invalid regulation on expressive conduct. The decision relied upon the 1984 decision *Clark v. Community for Creative Non-Violence*, in which the Supreme Court upheld the U.S. Park Service's ability to restrict protesters from sleeping in tents in Lafayette Park and the National Mall in Washington, DC.

#### Looking Forward

After the decision, food-sharing groups can only serve meals in the specified parks twice a year. Parties caught without a permit could be convicted of violating the city ordinance. Individuals or groups could be fined \$500 or spend two months in jail if they continued to distribute weekly meals. In order to provide more than two meals a year, organizations will have to visit other parks and repeatedly change location. Consequently, the population

### Up Coming Events

**June 6-8:** National Coalition for Homeless Veterans [Annual Conference](#) will be held at the Grand Hyatt Washington in Washington, D.C.

**June 7-8:** The National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty is hosting the National Forum on the Human Right to Housing in Washington, DC. Registration is open now, [sign up](#) to attend today!

**June 23-25:** The National Health Care for the Homeless Council is holding their annual National Conference in Washington, DC.

**July 13-15:** [National Conference on Ending Homelessness](#), hosted by the National Alliance to End Homelessness will be held at the Renaissance Washington DC Hotel.

Street Soccer USA

served by the food-sharing will likely find it more difficult to ascertain the location of the next food-sharing event, which may reduce the number of people who can benefit from such programs. Food Not Bombs and the other parties are currently exploring possible next steps, including the possibility of pursuing review at the U.S. Supreme Court.

[Click here to read the entire story](#)

### ***Beginning in this issue...***

NCH is offering recommendations to its readers for free and low cost resources for grant writing, technical assistance, capacity building and other useful and cost effective suggestions.

### ***Today's Recommendation...***

#### **Resource Associates *The Grant Experts***

Resource Associates has been offering FREE grant writing to nonprofits and shelters for over 15 years.

Check out these ideas:

GRANT ALERT: Basic Centers Grant Funds

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Up to \$600,000

GRANT DEADLINE: June 24, 2011

DESCRIPTION: To be eligible for this grant you must be able to provide an alternative for runaway and homeless youth, who might otherwise end up with law enforcement or in the child welfare, mental health, or juvenile justice systems. The program provides youth up to age 18 with emergency shelter, food, clothing, counseling, and referral for health care.

GRANT ALERT: Street Outreach Grant Funds

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Up to \$600,000

GRANT DEADLINE: June 24, 2011

DESCRIPTION: Eligible grantees will be required to conduct outreach services that encourage runaway, homeless, and street youth to leave the streets and to make other healthy personal choices regarding where they live and how they behave.

### **If interested, contact...**

Resource Associates the Grant Experts  
1-888-GRANT41 to see if you qualify.  
[www.grantwriters.net](http://www.grantwriters.net)

[Street Soccer USA \(SSUSA\)](#) is thrilled to announce that SSUSA Cup 2011 will be held at the Washington Kastles World Team Tennis Stadium.

Come Celebrate at our [Awards Gala](#) June 1st at the French Embassy [purchase tickets](#).

Then be sure to attend the excitement of the Street Soccer USA Cup 2011, June 10-12 at the Washington Kastles Stadium on the Wharf. [Click here to find out more information.](#)

In addition to the SSUSA Cup 2011, soccer players from all across the region can sign up to compete in the 2011 National Open Cup. Visit to [register](#) your team to play in the Open Cup.

Get involved in ending homelessness through sport!

- Register to [volunteer](#) or bring a group to cheer!
- [Play](#) in the Open Cup tournaments.

## NCH in the News

**The Capital** (May 1) - [Spare Change adds up to help the homeless](#)

**Twin Falls Times** (May 1) - [Local, national groups offer experiences in empathy](#)

**Indianapolis Star** (May 5) - [Deadly Beating of Homeless Man shows "the ultimate form of cowardice](#)

**Huffington Post** (May 13) - [Restoration Gardens In Baltimore Gives Homeless Youth New Start](#)

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