



northeast ohio
coalition for
the homeless

2017
annual report



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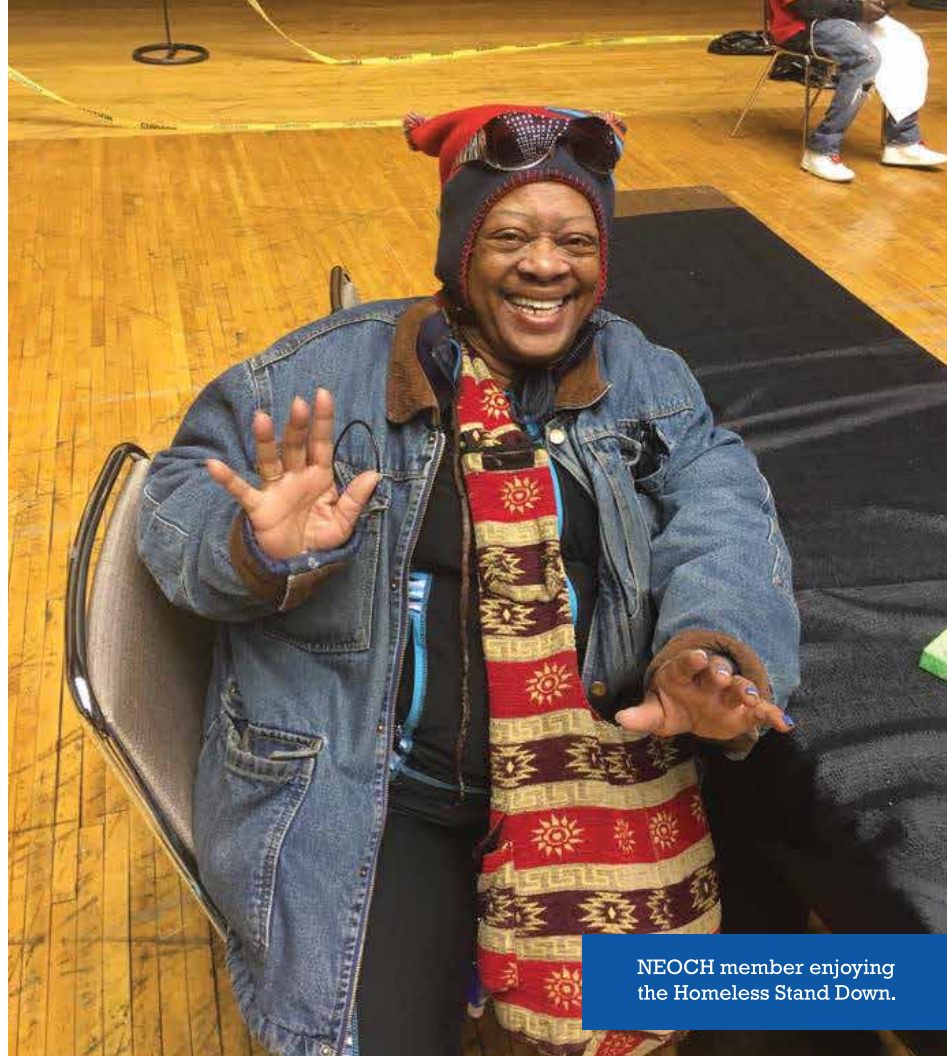
- **convened a monthly Homeless Congress** making space for people experiencing homelessness to act collectively to solve problems, met with decision-makers, the media, and elected officials.
- **published 3 editions of the *Cleveland Street Chronicle***, which is an empowerment project to provide a venue in the media for homeless people as well as income for those who sell the paper.
- **spoke up side by side with the homeless residents** of Riverbed Road to have a dignified relocation plan when being displaced by the development of Irish Town Bend.

educated & advocated

- **worked with the American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio** to file a federal lawsuit to prevent the purging of voters from Ohio voter rolls in violation of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993. This case was argued at the U.S. Supreme Court on January 11th, 2018.
- **for years, we have called for changes** in the services provided in the woman's shelter. This campaign has been multifaceted and successful. The YWCA will take over operations at the shelter with a \$1 million budget increase.
- **organized and facilitated The Cuyahoga Affordable Housing Alliance** discussions every month to protect affordable housing.
- **provided 10 presentations** in 2017 to the community through our Street Voices program. These previously homeless individuals go to churches and schools to dispel some of the myths surrounding homelessness.
- **hosted our first university group** for a week-long educational learning experience about homelessness and poverty in the city of Cleveland. This program seeks to educate and build relationships with people in order to propel students to take action for justice.
- **conducted Housing 101 workshops** that trained social workers on access to affordable housing, tenants' rights, and wrap-around services.
- **held a candlelight vigil on Dec 21, 2017**, continuing a 30-year tradition to remember those who have passed. We read the names of 61 people who passed away in 2017 who were either homeless or had experienced homelessness in their lives.

created nurturing & sustainable environments

- **coordinated all outreach workers** monthly, so that every person sleeping outside is in communication with a professional almost every day.
- **conducted 24 meetings** with service providers to improve outreach work in Cleveland.
- **gave \$303,000 worth** of winter items, boots and socks through SocksPlus, an initiative of Community West Foundation.
- **prevented homelessness** for 75 people in 2017 through housing assistance.
- **assisted with the Homeless Stand Down**, which served over 1,500 people in 2017.
- **distributed 12,000 street cards** to the community to let folks experiencing homelessness know about services and resources.
- **successfully advocated for a permanent family overflow shelter** and case management to those that are staying in family overflow.
- **trained 3 outreach workers** to provide services to the homeless community.



NEOCH member enjoying the Homeless Stand Down.



The federal Poverty line is **\$11,892** for an individual and **\$23,836** for a family of four.



According to the US Census, there were **227,740** people living in poverty in Cuyahoga County, which represent **18%** of the population.



1 in 3 Native Americans, over **1 in 4** African Americans, **1 in 4** Latinos, **1 in 10** Asians, and **1 in 10** whites live below the federal poverty line.



According to The Center for Community Solutions, **36.2%** of the population of Cleveland lives in poverty and **18.2%** are in abject poverty.



There were over **11,000** evictions in the Cleveland Housing Court. Many of those lead to homelessness every year.



Before entering the shelter system, **515** people reported staying in a dangerous place not suitable for human habitation in 2017



Cuyahoga County has lost **444** beds in shelters over the last decade, and has seen an increase in Permanent Supportive Housing to **781** units.



The Cleveland Public Schools saw **2,744** homeless students in 2017.



There has been an increase to crisis levels in family homelessness to **2,154** individuals in 2017. This is a **24%** increase since 2015.



The minimum wage in Cuyahoga County as of 2017 is **\$8.30/hour**. A single mom would have to work at least two minimum wage jobs to provide for her children.



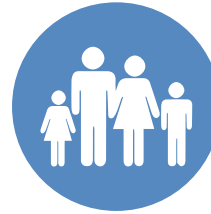
Based on consensus data, NEOCH estimates **23,000** people experienced homelessness in 2017.



Renters have to work **55 hours/week** to afford a one-bedroom apartment unit.



Nowhere in the U.S. does welfare or disability assistance provide enough income for an individual to afford an apartment without subsidization.

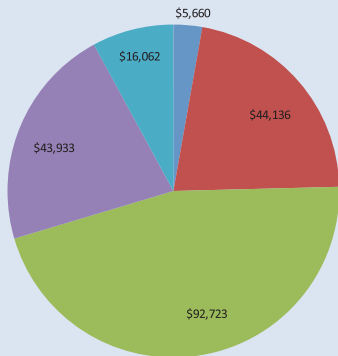


There were **4,291** adults and **1,389** children who were screened at the Coordinated Intake Center in 2017.



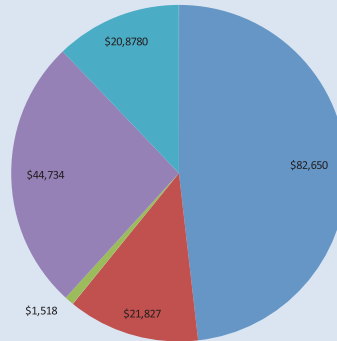
There are **14 million** vacant homes in the U.S., while **3.5 million** people experience homelessness each year.

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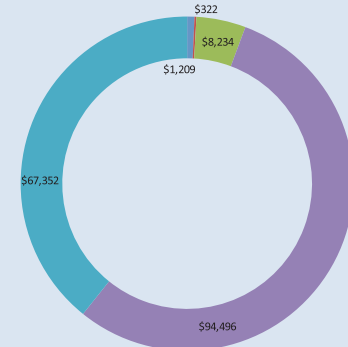
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Street Chronicle vendor Kim celebrates her achievements as one of the top sellers.



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NEOCH's mission is to organize and empower homeless and at-risk families and individuals with the goal of ending homelessness through public education, advocacy and the creation of nurturing, sustainable environments.

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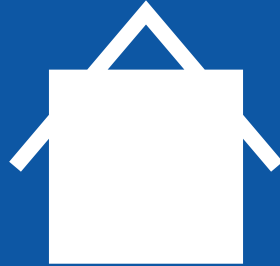
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