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Homelessness - What Can We Do to Prevent It?

There are also several non-profit organizations, such as Goodwill, which have the purpose of providing skill development and work opportunities to those with barriers. One such barrier is that of homelessness.

Begging or panhandling is typically the only way homeless people can attain any income. There is also often can gathering that some homeless people do to gain the refund on the cans.

Another unfortunate outcome of homelessness is that many homeless intentionally commit crimes in order to have the shelter of a jail.

The main causes of homelessness are lack of affordable housing, substance abuse, mental illness, domestic violence, poverty, prison release, lack of affordable healthcare, natural disaster and lack of education.

Another cause of homelessness is increased wealth and income inequality. This has made the housing market less affordable and rent is much higher.

The mid-1980s included a dramatic increase in family homelessness. Due to this, the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act was enacted in 1987. The act provides federal money for shelter programs. The legislation has been amended several times since its initial beginning.

There are several organizations that exist to support homelessness. One such organization is the World For World Organization, which is in existence to fight world homelessness.

The organization is based in Italy and was established in October of 2001 on World Hunger Day. The Organization is also known as WFWO. The organization works towards sustainable local development projects.

Some of the ways the organization helps is by helping people build assets that will benefit them directly and by promoting self-reliance of poor people and communities.

For more information on World For World Organization, visit www.worldforworld.org