



Representative Tim Quinn talking about his bill to eliminate the sales tax on food with the 90 people who attended CORC's Faith & Poverty Day at the Utah Capitol on January 25, 2018.

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CHILD HOMELESSNESS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Salt Lake County parents fleeing domestic violence with their children are having a very difficult time finding a place they can afford to live. According to the annual Point in Time count, the number of homeless children in Utah decreased minimally in 2017 but increased by nine percent in Salt Lake County. During the same time period, the number of long term homeless families in Salt Lake County almost tripled and the number of children who were homeless due to domestic violence increased from 74 to 221.

This is not surprising if you see what is happening in the local housing market. During the past two years

over 6,000 apartments have been purchased in Salt Lake City financed in ways that suggest the new owners plan to increase rents.

In other urban areas children are now the fastest growing group of unsheltered homeless people. The Coalition of Religious Communities is bringing people from different faith traditions together to talk to elected officials about making sure things do not get that way here. If you would like to get involved, contact Bill Tibbitts at Crossroads Urban Center, 801-364-7765 ex. 107 or bill@crossroadsurbancenter.org.

Upcoming Events

July 11: Crossroads Urban Center's Meet the Candidates Barbecue, 5:30-7:30 PM at Liberty Park.

July 17: CORC Salt Lake Quarterly Meeting, noon to 1:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church.

July 19: CORC Ogden Quarterly Meeting, noon to 1:00 PM at First United Methodist Church of Ogden.

August 25: Crossroads Urban Center Poverty Summit from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at First United Methodist Church of Salt Lake City.

Is your congregation willing to include prayers for homeless children during a worship service in October?

We are moving Ending Child Homelessness Sabbath from January to October so that it does not coincide with the state legislative session. To get more details about Ending Child Homelessness Sabbath contact Bill Tibbitts at Crossroads Urban Center, bill@crossroadsurbancenter.org or 801-364-7765.