

FACE Hunger and Homelessness

Update for October, 2024

Child homelessness fact of the month

Every year Utah conducts a Point in Time, one day count, of people experiencing homelessness. In this year's count 946 people in families with children were found in a shelter or sleeping outdoors.

Can you help produce our annual report on child homelessness?

We are preparing to produce a report on Child and Family Homelessness to release in early January. The quality of the report will improve if we have volunteers who are available to help us do more things. If you are willing to volunteer please reach out to Bill Tibbitts at Crossroads Urban Center and let us know: bill@crossroadsurbancenter.org or 801-364-7765,

What is FACE Hunger and Homelessness?

The Faith and Advocacy Coalition to End Hunger and Homelessness was created by Crossroads Urban Center make it easy for people from congregations that donate to our food pantries and thrift store to support public policies that would reduce poverty in Utah. Everyone is welcome to attend our



meetings and help us strategize about how we can make an impact together. Our priority issue at this time is ending child homelessness. You can sign up for our weekly email updates here: www.crossroadsurbancenter.org/face



Thank you to everyone who attended our final in person meeting for this year on September 11, 2024 at South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society.

FACE Hunger and Homelessness Monthly Meeting October 23, 2024 at noon on Zoom

This meeting will include special guest, the Director of the Utah Office of Homeless Services, Wayne Neiderhauer, to talk about how we can support increased funding for deeply affordable housing in the upcoming legislative session.

Get more details by contacting bill@crossroadsurbancenter.org

Available Benefits Basics:

SNAP puts food on the table and makes it easier to pay the rent

Each month in this newsletter we provide details about a resource or program that is already available and can help struggling families and individuals to avoid homelessness. This month we are focusing on The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP.

SNAP was once known as the Food Stamp Program because decades ago benefits were distributed with special coupons that could only be used at participating grocery stores. SNAP now is a program where eligible individuals and households are given an EBT card with money on it that can be used to purchase unprepared food at places like grocery stores. The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities estimates that the average SNAP benefit is:

- \$199, per month for a single person,
- \$364 per month for two-person household,
- \$594 per month for a three-person household, and
- \$726 per month for a four-person household.

The easiest ways a person in Utah can apply for SNAP in Utah either by going to Department of Workforce Services Office or by applying on-line at <https://mydoorway.utah.gov/food-assistance-snap/>

How Crossroads Urban Center can help with food, clothing and other necessities



Downtown Food Pantry: 347 South 400 East, Salt Lake City, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. For more information call 801-364-7765.

Services Available: Food Bags or Boxes • Baby Formula • Diapers • Soap, Toothpaste & Other Hygiene Products • Tampons & Pads • UTA Day Passes • Prescription Assistance • Gasoline vouchers • Utility Shut-Off Prevention Assistance • Vouchers for Free Clothing at our Thrift Store.



Westside Food Pantry: 1358 West Indiana Avenue, Salt Lake City, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. To learn more about our services or how you can volunteer or donate food call 801-935-4079

Services Available: Food Bags or Boxes • Baby Formula • Diapers • Soap, Toothpaste & Other Hygiene Products • Tampons & Pads • Vouchers for Free Clothing at our Thrift Store.



Thrift Store: 1385 West Indiana Avenue, Salt Lake City, Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Call 801-359-8837 for more information.

Services Available: Free clothing with voucher from one of our food pantries or a community partner. Discount price on used clothing and household items.

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