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ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLINIC

There are 2 myths that are simply not true

Source: *HomlesLibrary.com*

Myth 1: Homeless People are Nothing Like You and Me

I once took a visitor through our shelter at 10:00 p.m. It was a really crowded night and we had 40-50 people sleeping in our dining room. His eyes were huge, never having really seen poverty up close. He kept saying, "Those people don't look homeless!"

He had come to believe that homeless people are almost a different race of human beings. They were individuals "wholly other" than us. That's simply not true. Try this: next time you see some ragged soul with a cardboard sign panhandling on the side of the road, remember:

- * He has (or had) parents that loved him, just like you.
- * He played with toys when he was a child, just like you.
- * He has had crushes on people and (hopefully) been in love, just like you.
- * He has pains and hopes and dreams and disappointments, just like you.

Thinking that homeless people are totally different than you is wrong and dangerous.

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, ➔

Medical Root Words = Digestive System Meaning

Gastr = stomach

Hepat = liver

Inter = intestine (usually small)

PRESCRIPTION REFILL INSTRUCTIONS AND CLINIC HOURS FOR MEDICINE REFILLS & PICK-UP

With at least 48 hours in advance, please bring your medicine bottles to WSHS during clinic hours or call (717) 358-2012.

Monday	8:30am to Noon & 4:30pm to 8pm
Wednesday	8:30am to Noon
Thursday	1:30pm to 5pm

Myth 2: Homeless People are Just Like You and Me

Thinking that homeless people are exactly like you is also wrong and dangerous. A homeless person's life and experience are very different from yours.

Test yourself. Answer **YES** or **NO** if you have ever:

- ___ Been evicted or foreclosed on? ___ Eaten out of a dumpster?
- ___ Gone longer than 48 hours without eating? ___ Been forced to panhandle to survive?
- ___ Slept outside in the winter without a tent or sleeping bag? ___ Been mugged?
- ___ Been arrested? ___ Been sexually assaulted? ___ Been ticketed for jaywalking?
- ___ Gone more than a week without access to a shower?
- ___ Had to go to the bathroom (no. 2) outside in a city? ___ Slept in a bed with bedbugs?
- ___ Worn the same clothes for more than two weeks straight? ___ Grown up poor?
- ___ Had something thrown at you out of a moving car? ___ Lost all hope?

Many of you will be able to answer "yes" to some of these (I have experienced three of them). Unless you've been homeless, though, you probably have not experienced most of these things. Someone with these very different experiences looks at the world differently than you do. It is helpful to understand and appreciate the very real ways that a person experiencing homelessness is different from you.

In fact, understanding those differences is at the root of empathy.

among with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ God forgave you. _ Ephesians 4:30-32

PT Driver, Cleaning & Front Desk volunteers needed

To volunteer at the clinic, please contact

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Clinical Sympathy vs. Empathy vs. Compassion

Sympathy is a statement of emotional concern and response to a person. Empathy is an intellectual reflection of emotional understanding. Compassion is "to suffer with" (Latin), it is a desire to alleviate the suffering of the other person. The empathic component of medicine is what makes a medical professional special; without it, we are in essence, highly trained computers.

CLINIC WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DAYS

Monday evening June 13th 04:30pm - 08:00pm
Monday evening June 27th 04:30pm - 08:00pm
Monday July 4th Independence Day
Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays

HOURS OF OPERATION

New Donation Hours for 2022

Monday & Wednesday 9AM—12PM
Monday 4PM— 7PM
Thursday 1PM—4PM

Water Street Health Services does not accept expired, opened, or damaged donated items.

Day	Medical	Dental	Registration
Mon	9 AM—12PM 5PM—8PM	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tues	CLOSED	CLOSED	9 AM—12PM 1PM—4:30PM
Wed	9AM—12PM	CLOSED	CLOSED
Thursday	2PM—5PM	CLOSED	9AM—12PM

COVID-19 PROTOCOL

WSHS Clinic follows CDC's guidelines for healthcare workers wearing masks at all times in healthcare facilities while in contact with patients.