

ARISE

HELPING HOMELESS PEOPLE SURVIVE, GET HOUSING AND THRIVE

"In Joppa, there was a disciple named Tabitha, who was always doing good and helping the poor."



James Walden

JOPPA STORIES

Plagued by Winter

How did unsheltered people survive Iowa winters before the Joppa Winter Heat Program?

"Well, a lot of 'em just froze to death," says James Walden, 60, who is spending his third winter in a tent near downtown. He knows of people who took off their coats and boots, in the glow of too much alcohol, and died of hypothermia.

Other cold victims don't die.

"I seen a guy at the shelter in a wheelchair with no legs. Froze 'em off several winters ago," Herb Myers, 50, remembers. Herb is spending his fourth winter outside. "It don't take much to freeze to death in the cold, especially if you're wet, drunk or sick."

That's what terrifies Sandra McFall, 59. Her disability check hasn't come and she is unprepared for subfreezing temperatures. "All I have now is a sleeping bag, some blankets and a shelter I made out of an old sign and some blankets.

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OUR MISSION

To create a community of unconditional love, support and hope for the homeless, as we work together to end homelessness.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PJ DAY IOWA

January 27, 2017

JOPPA COMMUNITY CLEANUPS

April 1, 2017

DOWN & OUT HOMELESS FUNDRAISER

November 11, 2017

IOWA HOMELESS MEMORIAL & RALLY

December 21, 2017

HOMELESS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

December 21, 2017

Plagued by Winter, *CONTINUED*

I sleep with a sandwich and a bottle of water in the sleeping bag so it won't freeze... but last night, it froze. What am I going to do?"

Without the Joppa Winter Heat Program, homeless people use fire to keep warm. Herb constructed a four-candle heater from a cone-shaped piece

of streetlight. "It's enough to keep my gallon jug of water from freezing most nights," he says.

Or, people rely on other dangerous ways to stay warm. Army veteran David Howarth, 57, used campfires and charcoal braziers when he was homeless several years ago in Tennessee and Kentucky.

SOMETIMES PEOPLE GO INTO A "GIVE UP" MODE. YOU'RE SO COLD. YOU JUST LIE DOWN AND GIVE UP.

- DAVID HOWARTH, 57

"This isn't my first rodeo," David says, as he faces his first Iowa winter. But he admits that he's seen people badly burned when their tents caught on fire or asphyxiated by carbon monoxide from smoldering charcoal. "And you nearly freeze to death at night when you have to put your fires out."

This will be David's first winter using an indoor-safe Joppa heater and he is grateful. "I could probably survive on my own. The military trained me and I've been winter camping since I was a kid. But this year I've got my girlfriend with me. Cindy's from North Carolina and not used to the extreme cold. I gotta take care of her."

Homeless people always worry about their friends. "The closest place to get warm around here is the QuikTrip...about a mile away," David says, and that can be way too far. "Sometimes people go into a "give up" mode. You're so cold. You just lie down and give up." David says he tries to keep track of people near his camp and lift their spirits, but it's Joppa heat that can save people's lives.

You can be a part of the Joppa Winter Heat Program and provide lifesaving heaters and weekly fuel deliveries to homeless campers. A contribution of \$125 provides a start-up system that will warm someone, body and soul, all winter. A \$60 contribution can provide someone heat and hope for a month. ■



I Serve at Joppa

VOLUNTEER: Kelli Overbey

INVOLVEMENT: My husband and I are aftercare route leaders. I also chair the annual Iowa Homeless Memorial & Rally.

BACKGROUND: After hearing about Joppa through my pastor, I went to a volunteer informational meeting and fell in love with the mission and what Joppa stands for.

DRIVING PASSION: Psalms 82:3 is one of my favorite verses and explains why I serve through Joppa: "Give justice to the poor and the orphan; uphold the rights of the oppressed and the destitute."

ON MY OWN: My husband and I have two awesome kids and we enjoy hiking, having campfires and playing games. Serving Joppa together as a family has been a growing experience and such a blessing to us.

BECOME AN "EVERYDAY ANGEL"

Everyday Angels are the loyal givers who support Joppa with monthly gifts to bring relief to those living on the streets by giving automatically from their credit cards or checking accounts to provide dependable support.

Sign up to become an "Everyday Angel"

- Support Joppa with a monthly gift
- Help homeless people survive, get housing and rebuild their lives

Return the enclosed reply card or go to joppa.org/donate to sign up. ■

JOPPA EVERYDAY ANGELS



OPEN VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

Volunteer opportunities are available for groups, families and individuals.
Join a Joppa team and make a difference in the lives of homeless people in our community.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?
volunteer@joppa.org

EVENT PLANNING TEAMS

Joppa organizes six amazing events each year.
Join an event team and experience the time of your life!

We're looking for chairs, co-chairs & team members:

- PJ Day Iowa
- Joppa Community Cleanups
- Down & Out Homeless Fundraiser
- Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week
- Iowa Homeless Memorial & Rally
- Homeless Christmas Celebration

JOPPA KIDS TEAMS

Joppa KIDS engages youth in homeless awareness & volunteering.
Join a Joppa KIDS team and impact future generations!

We're looking for leaders, co-leaders and team members:

- Liaisons for Schools, Youth Groups & Kids Clubs
- Activities Coordination
- Joppa KIDS Events Coordination
- Presentations & Teaching Opportunities
- High School Leadership Program Development
- High School STEM Tiny Home Build Curriculum

VOLUNTEER COORDINATION TEAMS

Volunteers are key to our ability to operate and deliver services.
Join a team below and help make Joppa the premier place to volunteer!

We're looking for leaders, co-leaders and team members:

- VolunTOUR Presentations & Onboarding
- Orientation & Training
- Scheduling & Coordination
- Outreach Launch Support
- Volunteer Welcoming & Hospitality
- Volunteer Meetings & Events
- Volunteer Recognition
- Training Materials Development

TINY HOME VILLAGE TEAMS

Joppa is developing tiny home villages as affordable housing.
Join a village team and help end homelessness in central Iowa!

We're looking for leaders, co-leaders and team members:

- Land Acquisition
- Village Operations
- Community Relations
- The Village Build
- Governance & Partnerships
- Land & Village Advisory Councils

FUNDRAISING TEAMS

Joppa has several exciting initiatives and a multi-city vision.
Join a fundraising team and help us achieve our mission!

We're looking for leaders, co-leaders and team members:

- Corporate Sponsorships
- Supplies Acquisition
- Grant Writing
- Fundraising Events Strategy
- Volunteer-Driven Fundraisers
- Digital Fundraising

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TEAMS

Are you a nerd? If so, we need you on one of our IT teams.
Join a Joppa IT team and help save the universe!

We're looking for leaders, co-leaders and team members:

- Overall Team Coordination & Project Management
- CRM Customization & Support
- Google Apps and MS365 Admin & Support
- List Management & Database Manipulation
- Network & Printer Support
- WordPress/Website Development & Support
- Mapping & Geolocation Services
- Mobile App Development

HOW YOU CAN HELP

GIVE:

SUPPORT JOPPA:

Join us and make a difference with gifts and ongoing support.

GIVE ONLINE OR MAIL TO:

Joppa
118 SE 4th St, #120
Des Moines, IA 50309
joppa.org

Joppa is volunteer-based with minimal administrative costs. 95% of each gift goes toward our mission and benefits the people most in need here in our community.

*Joppa is a 501(c)3 nonprofit
All gifts are tax-deductible*

SUPPLY:

BRING SUPPLIES TO JOPPA:

Monday–Friday
10 AM & 4:30 PM
118 SE 4th St, #120
East Village, Des Moines
Or call (515) 288-5699

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GENEROSITY!**

- Tents & Tarps (Green or Brown)
- Zero Degree Sleeping Bags
- Headlamps & Batteries
- Toilet Paper & Paper Towels
- Cleaning Supplies
- Laundry Detergent & Dish Soap
- Canned Goods & Nonperishables
- DART Bus Tokens

Read about Joppa Tiny Home Villages as a solution to homelessness in the latest issue of "**Blank Tales**,"
a publication from students at Valley High School. **Visit BlankTales.Org**



“JOPPA WORKS WITH SHELTERS AND OTHER SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS EACH YEAR TO ENSURE DYING ALONE DOES NOT MEAN DYING FORGOTTEN”

Dying Homeless In Iowa... Alone But Not Forgotten

At 5:30 p.m. on December 21, candles lit the night sky. Voices sang. Eyes softly wept. It was the first day of winter and the longest night of the year. Approximately 300 concerned citizens stood out in the cold to pay tribute to those who have died homeless and to rally *against* homeless evictions and *for* solutions that prevent future homeless deaths.

In a society where dying homeless often means dying alone – sometimes with bodies unclaimed – Joppa works with homeless shelters and other service organizations each year to ensure dying alone *does not mean* dying forgotten.

After receiving proclamations from Governor Branstad and Mayor Cownie declaring it “*National Homeless Persons’ Memorial Day*” in the State of Iowa and City of Des Moines and pledging to work to end the root cause of homelessness, the vigil continued with music, poetry and prayer.

Because there’s no formal registry of homeless deaths in Iowa, Joppa compiles a list each year to remember and honor the deceased at the Iowa Homeless Memorial & Rally. This year, known ages ranged from 82 years to 6 months old. Unfortunately we don’t know Marco’s last name.

34 FRIENDS WE’VE LOST THIS YEAR

- **Tajuana Banks**, 36
- **Jack “Jackie” Beaman**, 57
- **Reed Benenate**, 19
- **David Blackford**
- **Charlie Brown**, 65
- **Jeff Carrillo**, 33
- **Herb Chandler**, 48
- **Herbert “Herb” Clark**, 37
- **Kim Clark**, 54
- **Leonard “Pops” Dawson**, 60
- **Dora Jennie Doty**, 50
- **William “Bill” Gamerdinger**, 57
- **Mark “Steven” Hagen**, 61
- **Tony Halloway**, 54
- **Stephanie Halterman**, 34
- **Paul Hill**, 53
- **Shelly Hoyt**, 62
- **Dennis Hutchinson**, 59
- **Charles Lanam**, 82
- **Greg McFarland**, 51
- **Alethia Miller**, 46
- **Jeff Morrison**, 58
- **Sam Naomi**, 56
- **Terry Niederklopfner**, 56
- **Tara Norton**, 27
- **Jame “Tuffy” Patton**, 41
- **Dennis Reimer**
- **Linda Risinger**, 63
- **Brandon Shiels**
- **Thomas “Tommy” Tucker**, 56
- **Tyrese Washington**, 6 months
- **William “Bill” Whitehead**, 50
- **Tommy Williams**, 56
- **Marco**

We recognize others have died unnoticed. We encourage the community to keep us abreast of others who’ve died to ensure every single person is remembered.





WINTER SURVIVAL

Helping Homeless People Survive

Tonight, more than 100 people will sleep outside in the cold, sheltered only by tents, lean-tos, and shacks. Although Joppa has helped over 250 homeless people get housing since 2008, those outside tonight have no immediate options for housing, so they will shiver and struggle to stay warm and dry.

Joppa Winter Heat Teams deliver heater systems to homeless campers and supply one or two 20-lb tanks of propane each week as needed.

The heaters are specifically designed to use in tents, shacks, and other temporary structures. They're rated safe for indoor use and will automatically shut off if the heater encounters low oxygen or tips over.

With propane deliveries each week, the teams bring unconditional love, friendship, and hope; ensure heater systems are working properly; and people are staying warm.

What Your Gifts Can Do

Provide winter heater systems including fuel tanks and 12' hoses:



10 Dwellings	\$1,250
5 Dwellings	\$ 625
1 Dwelling	\$ 125

Provide one month of heater fuel:



10 Dwellings	\$ 600
5 Dwellings	\$ 300
1 Dwelling	\$ 60

Go to joppa.org to contribute today
Thank you for your support!

HOW WE DO IT

EXPRESS CHRIST'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE + BUILD RELATIONSHIPS & VISIT OFTEN + HELP PEOPLE STAY WARM, DRY & HEALTHY
 + PROVIDE FOOD, SUPPLIES & CARE + RESPOND TO NEEDS & EMERGENCIES + BE A VOICE, ADVOCATE & LINK TO RESOURCES +
 ENCOURAGE POSITIVE STEPS FORWARD + HELP OFF STREETS & PROVIDE AFTERCARE UNTIL FULLY RECOVERED



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FOUNDERS' VISION

Do you know that more than 100 people are living under bridges, in tents and vehicles as you're reading this?

Homeless shelters are typically full this time of year and stays are limited. Most local shelters are 30 days per year max.

The fact is almost every homeless person in our community is unsheltered for 5+ months each year with no place to go!

Evicting homeless people from where they're living by destroying what little they have – their clothes, shelter and food, as well as medical and legal papers, IDs and meds – has been the city's response to date.

The Des Moines Register gave Joppa a "rose" for its proposed Tiny Home Villages to help solve this problem. The city just needs to approve land for this use. We, as a community, will do the rest. More than \$400,000 has been pledged toward the first village in spite of the challenges and delays in acquiring suitable land.

Our aim is to help people get into housing. The first step, though, is meeting people right where they are, building relationships and helping them survive.

Join us. Help homeless people survive, get housing and rebuild their lives! 



Caleb, Joe and Jacki

JOE, JACKI & CALEB STEVENS

JOPPA FOUNDERS

CAN YOU HELP?

VISIT JOPPA.ORG OR CALL (515) 288-5699 TO GIVE, VOLUNTEER OR PROVIDE SUPPLIES.
PEOPLE LIKE YOU MAKE JOPPA POSSIBLE — WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US. THANK YOU!