

ARISE

HELPING HOMELESS PEOPLE SURVIVE, FIND HOUSING AND REBUILD THEIR LIVES



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



Charles Michael Childs
April 29, 1949 - January 8, 2019

JOPPA STORIES

Forever In Our Hearts

Charles Childs was a kind, sweet and hardworking man who lived in a tent with his beloved cats. He enjoyed music, dancing and speaking to groups about homelessness, especially youth groups; in his words, "to help keep kids from becoming homeless."

We were in shock when Joppa learned from local media channels that Charles had been killed as the result of a hit and run on January 8, 2019.

While preparing for Charles' memorial, Joppa staff learned that he was very close to his dad and had a great childhood. However, when he was 18 or 19, his father died unexpectedly. Charles never recovered, self-medicating to relieve grief, living his final days homeless.

While most spend their twilight years relaxing and reflecting, Charles spent his eluding frostbite and evading hypothermia in Iowa's sub-zero winter temperatures.

Charles recently shared in an interview with Joppa about the realities of homeless winter survival as part of the originally scheduled cover story in this issue. "Some have had their fingers and toes cut off, and some have lost their legs. It's not as many as it used to be," Charles revealed. "It's because of the heaters. It's rugged out here, but you can survive with a heater." He referred to the Joppa Winter Survival Heat Program,

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OUR MISSION

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JOPPA COMMUNITY CLEANUPS
April 6, 2019

TAKE A SLICE OUT OF HUNGER
June 2 & 3, 2019

DOWN & OUT HOMELESS FUNDRAISER
November 2, 2019

IOWA HOMELESS MEMORIAL
December 21, 2019

PROJECT PJ
January 24, 2020



Forever In Our Hearts, CONTINUED

which provides life-saving heaters and weekly fuel deliveries to people experiencing homelessness. "You gotta have heat to survive," he reiterated, "You just gotta."

Charles often found work, and showed his appreciation by donating back to Joppa when he could. Joe Stevens, Joppa cofounder and chairman recalls, "One February he gave us a donation of \$80 toward our Winter Survival Program to, in his words, "help cover the costs of my heat."

Although Charles survived countless winters, he was tragically the victim of a hit and run and died alone in his tent from the injuries he sustained.

"Too often, dying homeless means dying alone, and forgotten," Joe Stevens noted.

"Frequently, those experiencing homelessness lose touch with family and friends, who aren't even aware that they've died."

Charles was loved by many and he will be greatly missed!

You can help homeless people survive, find housing and rebuild their lives by giving at joppa.org/donate.

"TOO OFTEN, DYING HOMELESS MEANS DYING ALONE, AND FORGOTTEN"
— JOE STEVENS

Joppa CELEBRATES 10 YEARS!

Becoming an Everyday Angel monthly supporter is an easy way to make a powerful and long-lasting impact in our community by providing consistent support for all of our programs and services.

Everyday Angels contribute monthly to:

- Help homeless people survive, find housing and rebuild their lives
- Engage students and schools in service learning to help prevent homelessness in future generations
- Develop transitional tiny home villages and uniquely affordable cottage homes to help end homelessness

Return the enclosed reply card to sign-up or visit joppa.org/angels



I Serve at Joppa

VOLUNTEER: Brandon Beem

INVOLVEMENT: I lead Winter Heat Team, assist the Joppa Mobile App development and serve on the CRM Database Team.

BACKGROUND: Last winter, friends posted that families were living behind the shelter as it was full. It was about -15 out and I could not sleep until I helped out. We took them supplies, but I wanted to give more than donations. I went on a heat route as well as Sunday outreach and knew I wanted to be more involved.

DRIVING PASSION: Helping others. I've been blessed with so many things and I want to do anything I can to help others.

ON MY OWN: Born and raised in the Des Moines/Altoona area, I graduated from Iowa and work for a software company. I recently married my beautiful wife and we are expecting our first child in July.

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You gave me something to eat... you gave me something to drink... you invited me in... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

Matthew 25:35-40

BECAUSE OF YOU

- JOPPA KEPT 274 PEOPLE FROM FREEZING TO DEATH LAST WINTER
- OUR NUTRITION PROGRAM DELIVERED 85,492 POUNDS OF FOOD LAST YEAR
- 365 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN HAVE BEEN HELPED OFF THE STREETS



DELIVERING HEAT AND HOPE

With warm hearts and warm clothing, Joppa Heat Team volunteers brave the elements every Saturday during Iowa's most frigid months to deliver heaters and life-saving heater fuel to homeless camps throughout Des Moines and surrounding communities. The propane fuel is an indispensable resource, which is required to operate heaters that greatly reduce the risk of hypothermia, frostbite and death among homeless people living in camps throughout Central Iowa.

Volunteers also check in on people and make sure their heater systems are working properly.

With perseverance, prayers and positivity, the Joppa Heat Team delivers much more than heaters and fuel. The team delivers hope, which much like heater fuel, can't be seen but can be felt. Hope is something that may easily be lost by those who endure endless hours exposed to the brutality of the harsh winters experienced in Iowa. Additionally, a phenomenon known as seasonal affective disorder further extrapolates the many challenges already faced by people experiencing homelessness.

You can easily recognize a member of the Heat Team. They will generally have a full or empty propane tank in each hand depending on if they are coming or going, but if you think their hands are full, you should see their hearts. If you are interested in assisting this team in providing fuel, heaters and hope, visit joppa.org

**"HOPE IS THE FUEL THAT
MAKES THE WORLD
A BETTER PLACE."
— RAY JOHNSTON**

HOW YOU CAN HELP

GIVE:

BECOME A JOPPA SUPPORT PARTNER!

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

Joppa collaborates with other agencies, helps people access resources, and develops unique programs that fill gaps and meet unmet needs in outreach, housing and education.

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

GIVE ONLINE OR MAIL TO:

Joppa
118 SE 4th Street, #120
Des Moines, IA 50309

joppa.org

VOLUNTEER:

Volunteer opportunities are available for groups, families and individuals. When you volunteer at Joppa you...

- Learn about homelessness
- Engage with diverse individuals
- Lead or join a team of volunteers
- Develop meaningful relationships
- Participate where you're passionate
- See your impact in multiple ways

VOLUNTEER AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

We depend on volunteers like you!
Join us and make a difference in the lives of homeless people and our community.

To learn more email volunteer@joppa.org

SUPPLY:

- Tents & tarps (green or brown)
- Zero-degree sleeping bags
- Gloves & wool socks
- Bottled drinking water (24oz)
- Headlamps & batteries
- Toilet paper & paper towels
- Cleaning supplies
- Laundry detergent & dish soap
- Canned goods & nonperishables
- DART bus tokens

BRING SUPPLIES TO JOPPA:

Monday–Friday between 10 & 3:30 PM
at 118 SE 4th Street, #120, Des Moines.
Or call (515) 288-5699.

Thank you for your generosity!

FROM THE HEART

"It's not as many as it used to be [that are dying or losing limbs]. It's because of the heaters. It's rugged out here but you can survive with a heater" he states, referring to the Joppa Heat Program."

– Charles



Joppa Cofounder and Chairman, Joe Stevens (left) with new Joppa CEO & President, Dave Schwartz

JOPPA LEADERSHIP

A Partnership Made in Heaven

This is the story of how God brought together two community leaders and forged a special partnership between Joppa Cofounder Joe Stevens and Dave Schwartz.

Dave: I was enjoying a nice walk one sunny fall day, minding my own business, when my phone rings with this unrecognizable number:

Joe: We had been seeking a very special type of “executive director,” to augment my skill sets and help Joppa achieve its rather aggressive 10-year vision to help end homelessness here and begin to provide services in another

city or two.

Dave: This guy named Joe Stevens introduces himself and asks me what I’m doing these days.

Joe: Our leadership team was in an off-site planning session when our facilitator, Alan Richardson, mentioned Dave might still be available. I remembered meeting him and called right away!

Dave: I answered the phone, I’m not sure why, but I’m glad I did! I don’t believe in accidents. We met the next day.

Joe: I knew of Dave’s reputation and extensive business background, including nonprofit experience most recently

as CEO of the YMCA with a \$22M annual budget. So, I also knew that, with our meager budget, it would take nothing short of a miracle to attract him. But, then God showed up!

Dave: Yes, God did show up—along with my wife Chong! I had been leaning towards a for-profit opportunity in the financial services sector. But, when I told her about the out-of-the-blue call, she asked me, “Dave, what’s in your heart!?”

Joe: Well, obviously he didn’t come for the money.

Dave: Quite the opposite, actually. I’ve reached a point in my life where I want to give back and do something significant for God, with the rest of my life, and for our community.

Joe: We’re excited about Dave’s leadership and operational skills as well as his plan to connect Joppa to new donors, corporations and foundations and grow our revenue base in support of achieving our 10-year vision!

Dave: The organization Joe and Jacki have built is simply amazing and Joppa wouldn’t be the same without their continued full-time involvement. I’m so grateful that Joe will continue leading us as chairman for many years to come.

Joe: We are very thankful for Dave, his passion for our mission and vision, and everything he brings to Joppa.

Dave: I can’t tell you how flattered and humbled I am to be a part of an organization that will continue to help reduce and potentially eliminate homelessness in Central Iowa.

Joe: It’s great to have such a capable business partner. I believe our partnership is a match made in heaven!

Dave: God brought us together, that’s very clear to me!

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— JOE STEVENS

HOW YOU CAN HELP

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



Joppa Winter Heat Team volunteers Orv Otten, Jon VanDis and Dr. Kirk Neustrom

WINTER SURVIVAL PROGRAMS

Warming People... And Their Hearts!

For many of us, winter represents a magical season filled with bountiful blessings and warm hearts. For homeless people living in Polk County, however, winter signifies something entirely different. For this demographic the start of winter symbolizes the beginning of a four to five month struggle for survival each and every day.

You can help. You can share your blessings in the form of winter survival by giving temporary shelters, heaters, fuel and winter boots. Your contribution will warm both the bodies and hearts of those spending an otherwise plentiful season trying to survive Iowa's freezing cold temperatures.

Winter Survival Shelters

- Temporary Winter Shelter Packages for those with no immediate options for housing or other shelter
- Includes tent, rain fly, tarp, sleeping bag, blankets & pillow
 - a) Ten Shelter Packages..... \$1,500
 - b) Five Shelter Packages..... \$750
 - c) One Shelter Package..... \$150

Heater Systems

- Heat for those without immediate housing options
- Safe for indoor-use in tents, cabins & wooden structures
- Includes heater, three 20-lb propane tanks and a hose
 - a) Ten Heater Systems..... \$1,250
 - b) Five Heater Systems..... \$625
 - c) One Heater System..... \$125

Heater Fuel

- Weekly delivery of propane fuel for heater systems
- A 20-lb tank provides one week of heat average per dwelling
- Each person receives an extra tank of fuel as a backup
 - a) Ten people for one month..... \$600
 - b) Five people for one month..... \$300
 - c) One person for one month..... \$60

Winter Boots

- Waterproof boots to help prevent frostbite and trench foot
- To survive, homeless people often walk 10-20 miles per day to sources of food, work and other resources.
 - a) Ten pairs of boots..... \$900
 - b) Five pairs of boots..... \$450
 - c) One pair of boots..... \$90

HOW WE DO IT

JOPPA COLLABORATES WITH OTHER AGENCIES, HELPS PEOPLE ACCESS EXISTING RESOURCES, AND DEVELOPS UNIQUE PROGRAMS THAT FILL GAPS AND MEET UNMET NEEDS IN OUTREACH, HOUSING AND EDUCATION.



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INSIDE

Helping homeless people survive this winter

New Partnership: CEO Dave Schwartz & Chairman Joe Stevens



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COTTAGE HOMES

The first Joppa Cottage Home is a 384 ft² 1-bedroom nearing completion in the Cheatom Park neighborhood.

These architecturally designed market rate homes include duets and row houses from 144 ft² efficiencies to 688 ft² 2-bedroom units that will rent from \$220 to \$780 per month.

Cottage Homes will help prevent and end homelessness by providing truly-affordable permanent housing for seniors, veterans and people living on fixed or part-time incomes.



First Joppa Cottage Home nearly completed