



Keep
the
Change

10 Ways to Help Individuals

- 1) **Resist the urge to give cash to a panhandler.** Cash contributions to solicitors often enable self-destructive behaviors. **Keep the Change!** A better way to give.
- 2) **Smile.** Civility and politeness can help restore dignity.
- 3) **Encourage homeless people to get help through local service providers.** Free meals, shelter, clothing, medical care and other services are available every day right in our community.
- 4) **Get to know what programs are out there.** Contact existing providers to learn more and see how to support the good work they are already doing.
- 5) **Give generously to support homeless service providers.** Your contributions will help homeless people rebuild their lives. You can donate directly to the organization of your choice listed on milwaukee.gov/ktc.
- 6) **Donate food and other supplies.** Coordinate directly with service providers to make sure that your donation will do the most good for the most people.
- 7) **Volunteer.** Many of the service providers rely on volunteers to help run their programs. Find out how by contacting a provider listed on milwaukee.gov/ktc.
- 8) **Start a community service project.** Ask service providers about the greatest needs right now and organize your friends, family and neighbors to help.
- 9) **Become informed and advocate.** Tell your elected representatives that you value programs that reduce poverty and assist people in recovery.
- 10) **Encourage panhandlers to call or text 211 Impact for resources.**

