

Night Walk

AN URBAN IMMERSION EXPERIENCE

A Night Walk is an urban immersion experience for small groups of five to twenty-five individuals. Content is tailored to participants from **age 13 to adults**. Participants gain a deeper understanding of the young people and adults served by The Night Ministry, by viewing the Lakeview neighborhood as though you were a homeless youth. Night Walks are conducted in or near our Open Door Youth Shelter, located near the intersection of Clark and Belmont, a national destination for runaways and youth-at-risk. The Night Ministry values personal safety-groups have participated in Night Walks for many years without incident. Reservations are accepted two or more months in advance.



NIGHT WALK CONTENT

HOUR ONE: The first hour is an interactive introduction to The Night Ministry and our programs; presentation of facts and statistics regarding homelessness; reasons why people become homeless; preparation for Part Two.

HOUR TWO During the next hour, groups break out into twos or threes and leave to do the Night Walk. Adults must accompany participants under 18. Participants are instructed on safety and prepared to survey the surrounding neighborhood with a list of suggested observations and a map.

HOUR THREE: Group returns to the starting point for the final hour to share their observations, process experiences, and discuss appropriate responses.

SPECIAL NOTE Night Walks are designed as an educational tool to provide understanding and awareness of the issues impacting homeless youth and adults. While you may have direct contact with homeless youth and adults, contact is not a scheduled activity of the Night Walk curriculum.

BENEFITS OF A NIGHT WALK

1. Increases understanding and awareness of the issues impacting homeless youth and adults.
2. Promotes commitment from participants to better understand and address issues of homelessness.
3. Generates a deeper understanding of the role of The Night Ministry in empowering the people of the nighttime streets to meet their own needs.

FINANCIAL AND/OR IN-KIND DONATION

A financial or in-kind donation (for 200) is appreciated to support this educational experience, which requires staff time and materials. Often groups bake cookies, assemble hygiene kits or sack suppers for distribution from the Health Outreach Bus. Other groups contribute an equivalent financial gift to further our work. Groups have found that a way to deepen their presence with us is through the gift of food or other needed items for parishioners we meet nightly. Please schedule "perishable" donations in advance. In-kind donation ideas are listed on the reverse side of this sheet.

TO SCHEDULE A NIGHT WALK

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