

THE REVOLUTIONIST.

"Revolution is simply the culminating point of Evolution."

Home Free

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The Solution to Homelessness is *STILL* Housing

In 2009, the houseless of Grand Junction began organizing for justice. Our demands were simple: Housing First! No More Deaths!

The group won a ton of small victories. We defeated an anti-panhandling law, we got bad cops fired for slashing up a camp, we got the city to set up Porta-Potties in Whitman Park, we started night patrols on cold nights to keep our friends warm and alive, but the most important thing HF!NMD! accomplished was getting houseless to the table with the non-profits (Coalition) and the city.

Its been about 10 years since HF!NMD! dissolved, The Coalition had a new Ten-Year Plan, that houseless folks had a hand in writing. It seemed like the community was turning a new page. But more than 10 years down the road, the problems are worse, housing is more desperately needed. We need to re-organize again, and demand housing and dignity!



Our Demands:

- No More Deaths!
- Housing Now!
- Houselessness is not a crime
- Housing, food, water, and healthcare are human rights!

*Note about the masthead

The masthead is borrowed from the only surviving issue of The Revolutionist published by S.B Hutchinson and the Socialist Party of Grand Junction 1901-1904?

Grand Valley Homelessness by the Numbers:

Number of Homeless
Students identified by
District 51 Schools:
807

Average Cost of
Criminalizing one
Homeless Person in an
American City per year:
\$31065

Average Cost of
providing housing to one
homeless person per year
in America:
\$10051

Percent of Mesa County's
Homeless Population that
are Veterans:
18

Number of low-income
housing units Grand
Junction is in deficit:
2168

Percentage of Homeless
in Mesa County that have
at least one disability:
63

Number of Cops HF!
NMD! Got fired in 2010:
3



Solidarity not Charity

@SOLIDARITYNOTCHARITYGJ NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FREE

Free Hot Food & Pantry

"The Feed"
AT WHITMAN PARK
(4TH & PITKIN)

EVERY SATURDAY
AT 1600 (4PM)

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Call to Action! And Why its Needed!

Meet the new boss same as the old. 13 years ago when Housing First! Began organizing, we warned about a problem that has become a crisis. Many of those not already homeless are double bunked on grandma's couch, living in a campers or shed,s motel, or RV Park. The solution to the housing crisis is the same solution as solving the homeless crisis. Housing!

How do we clean up the park? Housing! How do we stop illegal camping? Housing. What about the drunks, users, and crazies? Housing! Housing! Housing!

This is not something that charities can solve, as much as food and shelter are appreciated, needed and should continue, we need to admit that an end to homelessness is not going to be found in a shelter bed or soup line.

Local government lacks the will, lets help give them them some backbone.

The first step is start showing up.

Then start speaking up.

Finally start taking action.

We need to be at every meeting that they will let us in, demanding the only solution: **Housing! Housing Now! Housing Yesterday!**

You can make a difference. Together we can win.

CALL TO ACTION:

**Make Un-housed
Voices Heard!**

Meeting About

Whitman Park Complaints
City Hall Auditorium 5th & Rood
3pm January 30th

Solidarity Not Charity's Schedule

Saturday's • Whitman Park:

Collective Meeting—3pm

The 'Feed' and Street Distro—4pm

Sunday's • Columbine Park

The People's DIY BBQ—12:30pm

Tuesday's • U.U. Church:

Distro—11-1pm

Yeah, I Got A Camping Permit!

**By the power invested in Housing First!
No More Deaths!**

by the mere understanding of the basic law of physics that states everything has to go somewhere, and...



Whereas, The City Does not issue Permits to Camp but charges people in court with Camping without a Permit and trespass, while

Recognizing that local shelters have been at capacity for decades, and while not explicitly stated in the constitution we do in fact have an implied right to exist.

So in an effort to help Grand Junction maintain constitutionality in light of the Martin Vs. City of Boise, and not look like assholes....

We do Hereby Issue Forthwith a Permit to

CAMP to _____

For one year or until there is enough housing and shelter beds.

On this the _____ day of _____ in the Year of _____.

** This permit will likely not prevent your camp or squat being from evicted, it is not issued by or approved by any government and may piss off the cops, but you do have rights. This may help you make a scene in court, and maybe even win. Homelessness is not illegal. Good Luck!