

A Vital Community Action-Plan Gathering

A Design to Support and Save Lives

Why: “I had the very sad honor of attending a special tribute under the Magnolia Bridge to commemorate the death of a beloved homeless woman who was murdered at that site several weeks ago. She represented the 45th death of a homeless person (ages 20-68) in King County since January 1, 2015. Not one of these deaths occurred at a tent encampment. And while most would agree that tent encampments aren’t the best solution, they are the last alternative to the streets and are clearly saving lives.” Linda Benson – Nourishing Networks

Current Situation: On the eastside, two such encampments are struggling for survival which, if unsuccessful in finding site hosts and other support, will be forced to return 120-160 vulnerable people to the dangerous streets, forests, alley ways, bridges and parks of our communities. They have been partially successful because of the labor of 10-12 churches who have carried extraordinary financial, time and resource burdens to keep these folks safe and somewhat supported. But these few churches simply cannot bear this load alone anymore and the anxiety levels of the people of these encampments is unsustainable!



Our Ask: Please join us in building a dream team of key problem solvers who together could knock out much of the needs of one camp for a year in a matter of hours. Included in our wish list of movers and shakers are: city staff, elected officials, businesses, churches, Rotaries & Kiwanis clubs, human service orgs, Libraries, Scouting groups, Youth groups, etc.

Our Idea: Gather representatives from 50+ eastside groups/organizations/churches to participate in the first 2.5 hour action plan where the needs of one camp will be broken down into simple pieces that anyone interested can sign up for. This will include host-site opps, small increments of financial support opps to offset water, electricity & permit costs, a calendar of meal support to keep the campers strong, as well as other provisions such as batteries, tents, tarps, etc.

Timing & Next Steps: *Thursday, November 12th from 5:30-8:00 at the Peter Kirk Community Center.* An event page will be ready for registrations on October 15th. Please share this information with all who would like to participate in this special gathering!

Please RSVP to Linda@NourishingNetworks.net if you'd like to help make this happen!

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