

A Helping Hand

In my last race for cross country, I fell down when I was running. I couldn't breathe for a moment. I stood there to catch my breath as many people ran past me. A young girl that I didn't know was also running and put her arm around me. She said: "Come on, you can do it. Come on, just jog!" She pulled me with her and we ran together to the finish line. Without her, I wouldn't have finished that race.

I was reading an article recently that said that Hawaii has one of the largest homeless camps in the nation. In the middle of that article was a story about families with children, and other homeless people who were being cleared out of the Kakaako area and banned from their only shelter. It made me very sad. Everyone needs a home.

I was surprised that the article said that there are a lot of families living on the streets. If people don't solve the problem with the homeless now, Hawaii will have the largest homeless camps in the world. All the rivers and the waterfront park areas will be lined and filled with homeless tents and shelters. The government would have to spend so much time and money to keep clearing the homeless camps.

If construction workers and land owners worked together like Clarence Ching to make shelters or apartments for the homeless families, many tents on the street, by the parks and water front area would be cleared and gone.

After the shelters and apartments for the homeless are built and opened, we need to help the homeless kids. I could not imagine being homeless with no running water to take a shower with, no electricity to read books with, and no bathroom or toilet to use.

The thing that I would miss the most is my school education.

One solution is to have volunteer families from schools help the homeless kids. They could pick up the kids from their shelter and drop them off at a school, making sure that they have the right supplies for the day, such as a lunch or snack to eat, or a pencil and books for their classes. After school, the volunteer families would drop the kids back at their shelter. We need to make sure that the kids get a good education so they can get a job so they can pay their rent.

The homeless parents also need help. Some of them might need to get an education or a high school degree. The government needs to make programs to help this happen. Some them might need job training so they can get a better paying job to get their families off the streets and into a home or apartment. Companies will need to help with this.

Clarence T.C Ching cared for the less fortunate and did many things to help them like building housing for the poor. We need to follow his example and help the homeless families living on the street before it becomes a bigger problem. Just like at my race, that one girl helped me to the finish with a helping hand. That's all that the homeless families need--a helping hand.