

## The Homeless of Hawaii

What's the big problem here in Hawaii? Well, there are many homeless people on the streets. Whenever I see them on the way home or anywhere on the school bus, or in the car, I just feel bad just passing them by and not giving or doing anything about it. Why is this a problem? It's because they may not have the money or have enough money to buy food and water. Food and water are necessary in order to survive! We could just ask our parents for money, go to the closest store, and easily be able to buy a food or drink, the things that the homeless can't get. From the research that I did, [poverty.com](http://poverty.com) claims that United Nations stated that about 21,000 people die every day of hunger or hunger-related causes. That is one person every four seconds. Sadly, the homeless children are the ones who die more often.

If nothing is done to solve this problem, 50 years from now, I can picture that there are going to be 5 times more homeless people living on the streets than there are right now. I also think that the number of starvation or hunger-related deaths are going to increase to around 30,000 - 45,000 deaths a day. I think that the deaths are going to increase to those numbers because in 50 years, I think there would be lots of changes in the world. I can also picture that there are going to be more homeless people wandering the streets and living under storefronts, or anywhere else that has a roof to keep them dry from the rain. At least, that's what I imagine what would happen if we didn't solve this problem.

First of all, what causes these people to go homeless? I also did research on this. I found that some reasons for becoming homeless are mental illnesses, addictions, poverty,

poor physical/mental health, and no family support. What can we do to help solve this problem? You probably are thinking I would say give to the homeless, feed them, give them money. You can still do that, but is that enough? Because eventually they'll finish the food you gave them, they'll run out of their drink, and also, they will eventually spend the money you gave them on food and water. What more can we do to help? We could build a hotel only for the homeless that has all the necessary stuff they need. We could also give them a job so that they could get out of being homeless, they could also use the money to be able to buy a house and buy the things they need.

What's the connection between Mr. Ching's vision, "Dream big and make Hawaii a better place!" and philanthropy, to solving the problem of too many homeless people living on the streets? First of all, philanthropy means to give back to people. People usually give money, food, clothes, and more to the homeless. So, that means that they're giving back. Now, how does "Dream big and make Hawaii a better place!" and the problem of too many homeless people living on the streets connect? In order to make Hawaii look better, or "cleaner", I don't think you would want to see any homeless people on the street. Especially if you were a tourist coming in from the mainland. If we could make this big "dream" of getting the homeless people off the streets, then it would make Hawaii a better place!

How could acting to this problem now, change the future? First of all, it would decrease the amount of starvation and hunger-related deaths a day. How else could solving this problem change? If we do solve this problem, and we do decide to end up building a hotel for the homeless, and also give them jobs, it could keep a lot of people off the streets, and can provide them with the money they need to survive and have a roof over

their head once they save up enough to give themselves an apartment, live in a hotel room, or if they saved up enough money, they could even have a house to live in. What about the homeless kids? They won't be able to get a job yet! They could stay and live in the hotel to be cared for until they are old enough to get jobs and be able to provide money for themselves. We could also give them chores and tasks to help them prepare for jobs when they grow older. Also, every time they complete a chore or task we could give them money like an allowance.

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