

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL HOMELESS YOUTH AWARENESS MONTH

Did you know that thousands of children in Georgia do not have a home or bed of their own to sleep in at night?

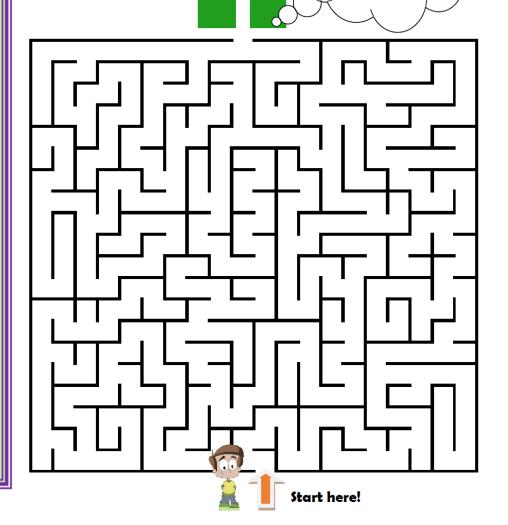
The Center for Children & Young Adults – also called "CCYA" – is a youth shelter and home that provides food, clothing, and a safe place to sleep for children and youth who need a home.

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Help Nigel find his way to CCYA by solving the Maze.

How you can help homeless youth in your community:

- 1. Take the CCYA
  Pajama Pants
  Challenge: Coordinate
  Campaign in your
  school or youth group.
  Choose a designated
  day in November for
  students to donate
  \$1.00 each to wear
  pajamas pants to school
  or a youth event and
  raise awareness &
  support for homeless
  youth.
- 2. Complete the activities on this page to learn more about what homeless youth need in your community.
- 3. Tell other people about CCYA and the problem of homeless youth in *your* community. Go to www.ccyakids.org to learn more.



## FACTS about Homeless Youth in America:

Did you know that 39% of the entire homeless population in the U.S. are children?

Did you know that children ages 12 to 17 are more likely to become homeless than adults?

The number of homeless children in the U.S. has surged in recent years to an all-time high, amounting to one child in every 30.

Each year, CCYA shelters, feeds & clothes more than 100 homeless youth ages 11-17.

Every donation helps a child:

## **HELP ORGANIZE A DONATION DRIVE!**

Unscramble the words to find out what you can collect to help homeless youth.

Drive:
P (not waffles)
<b>S</b> (to put on top)
<b>C</b> (healthy or sweet with milk)
M (blueberry is best!)
P (toaster or cold)
tion Drive:
T (bathroom)
<b>S</b> (clean hands and face)
<b>S</b> (wash your hair)
COS (no more tangles) B & C
Drive:
B (to hear my music)
O M (Only G, PG & PG 13)
<b>C G</b> (Uno and Crazy 8's)
(after school treats)

\$1.00 = 1 after school snack \$3.00 = 1 dinner serving \$5.00 = 1 bed pillow \$8.00 = 1 haircut \$10.00 = 1 pair of shoes \$12.00 = 1 towel set \$15.00 = 1 set of twin sheets \$20.00 = 1 twin blanket or comforter

Word Scramble Answers: pancake mix; syrup; cereal; muffin mix; pop tarts; toilet paper; soap; shampoo; brushes & combs; ear buds; DVD movies; card games; snacks