



**NOVEMBER is National
Homeless Youth Awareness Month**
Every Child Deserves A Safe Place to Sleep!

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

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

**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 and go to www.ccyakids.org to learn more.

National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week (HHAW)

is held each year the week before Thanksgiving. This is a time for us all to start to think about what we are thankful for, a perfect time to share our compassion with our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness, and work toward a world where no one has to experience hunger or homelessness. During November, youth across America are seeking opportunities to contribute to this national social movement.

The National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness is committed to ending hunger and homelessness by educating, engaging, and training students to directly meet individuals' immediate needs while advocating for long-term systemic solutions.

www.StudentsAgainstHunger.org

No one should have to worry about whether they will have **FOOD** on their plate, a **ROOF** over their head, or **CLOTHES** on their back.

But the reality is that **HUNGER** and **HOMELESSNESS** are widespread problems that affect far too many people, including many youth whose caregivers are deceased, incarcerated, unsafe, homeless, or suffer addiction and/or mental illness.



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IN THE U.S.

Many Americans are living on the edge, forced to choose between basic necessities like purchasing food, paying rent, or going to the doctor.

In 2015, 43.1 million Americans were living below the poverty level.

For children under 18, the poverty rate was 19.7%.

More than 41 million Americans are dependent on food stamps.

On a typical night in 2016, more than 549,000 Americans were homeless.

Nearly 2.5 million children in America experience homelessness each year. That's one in 30 children. 4

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

Every donation helps:

- \$1.00 = 1 after school snack
- \$3.50 = 1 dinner serving
- \$5.00 = 1 bed pillow
- \$10.00 = 1 haircut
- \$12.00 = 1 pair of shoes
- \$15.00 = 1 towel set
- \$20.00 = 1 set of twin sheets
- \$25.00 = 1 twin comforter set
- \$50.00 = 5 jumbo laundry soaps

RUNAWAY FEMALES POPULATION
HOMES ADULTS YOUTH
UNITED STATES

Using the words above,
Fill in the FACTS on Youth Homelessness!

1. About 39% of the entire homeless _____ in the U. S. are children.
2. Children ages 12-17 are more likely to be homeless than _____.
3. The National Center for Housing and Child Welfare states there are between 1 million and 1.7 million homeless _____ who have runaway or have been asked to leave their _____.
4. The number of homeless children in the _____ has surged to an all-time high, amounting to 1 child in every 30.
5. Homeless youth are evenly male-female, although _____ are more likely to seek help through shelters and hotlines.
6. 75% of homeless or _____ youth have dropped out or at risk of dropping out of school.

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO TO HELP?

Coordinate a Donation Drive for CCYA.
Collect needed items from your family and friends.

BREAKFAST DRIVE

Pancake Mix
Syrup
Pop Tarts
Cereal
Muffin Mix
Instant Oatmeal
Breakfast Bars

OR

KID FAVORITES

Oodles of Noodle Cups
Ramen Noodles
Individually Wrapped Cookies,
Crackers, Nuts, Chips, Pretzels,
Hot Cheetos, Fruit Snacks, ...
Microwave Popcorn

OR

ESSENTIALS

Toilet Paper
Toothpaste
Suave Shampoo
Suave Conditioner
Dove Shower Gel
Axe Shower Gel
Laundry Detergent