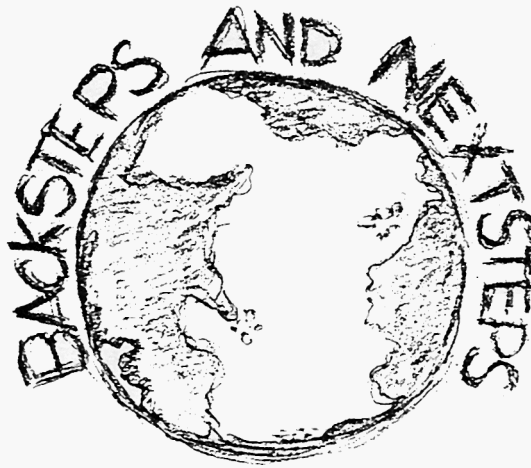


MARCH 26, 1990

DID U
KNOW?



BackSteps + NextSteps
Newsletter for
NextStep/Housing Now

CrossRoads Shelter
123 S Webster
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HELP-777

IN THE PAST 8 YEARS
FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR LOW
INCOME HOUSING PROGRAMS
HAS FALLEN 77% TO
LESS THAN \$8 BILLION
A YEAR.

MEETING TIME:

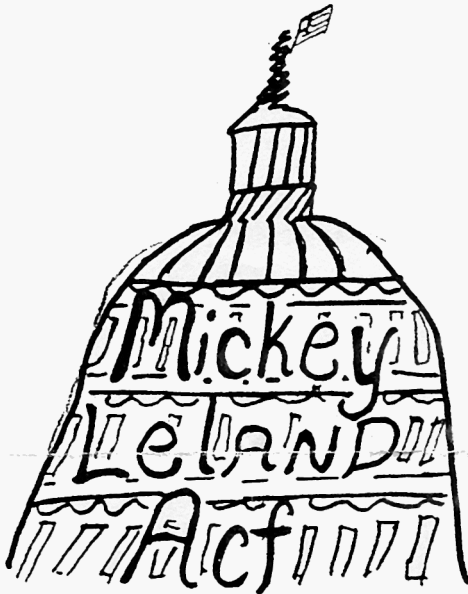
Every Thursday
6:30 p.m. at
CROSSROADS

Special Meeting
April 5

6:30 - 7:00pm Short Meeting
7:00 - 8:00pm CD Workshop
8:00 - ? Skip Jones

THE MICKEY LELAND ACT

After Housing Now! rally in October organizers of the rally sat down with legislators and the Mickey Leland Housing Act was created. Since 1981 Congress has cut \$25 billion per year from the budget. The Mickey Leland Act will restore that \$25 billion. The essential difference between this bill and any other housing bill is the level of funding. This bill would symbolize a shift of policy in our government. Housing keeps our citizens from freezing to death and should be first rate priority, not a back burner program, at the moment it is not. The Mickey Leland Act would put enough money into the program to make a difference. At this time, it has only been introduced into the House of Representatives. The bill has been drafted by Representative Floyd Flake of New York. If the government does not spend enough money to correct this problem now, even more money will have to be spent at a later time to correct a growing problem. Please take the time to write your Congressman or Senator and ask him to support the Mickey Leland Housing Act. Every letter makes a difference.



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WHAT HAPPENED MARCH 1?

- * Kiwanas donated a washer and dryer and plumber's service.
- * We discussed the request for Next Steppers to visit other colleges to discuss our involvement with the homeless problem.

WHAT HAPPENED MARCH 15?

- * We discussed the census, and how we were going to deal with their attempts at an impossible count.
- * April 15th is approaching quickly, let's make some plans!
- * One of our members joined with Dane County Housing Now, March 7, in an all night vigil at the state capital to raise public and legislature's awareness.

WHAT HAPPENED MARCH 22?

- * We discussed the positive outcome of our confrontation with the 1990 count of the homeless.
- * A sign up sheet went around for helping to organize the trip to DC, if you would like to help out just give us a call.

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The call for us to return to Washington D.C. on April 15 has many purposes, but one of the most prominent is to support the Mickey Leland Housing Act. If you feel strongly about this act you are welcome to join us on our journey. Civil disobedience is a large focus of this action, though it is up to you if you wish to take a part in the act once we are in D.C. A time for the CD training will be set at our next meeting, so, if you're interested give us a call, time is running out.

EXPLANATION OF MARCH 20?

On March 20th the U.S. Census Bureau made an attempt to count the homeless in America. Though we commend the thought, their method fell far short of what would be necessary for an accurate count. Since the figures they will obtain will be used to set major policies involving funding to programs related to the homeless, we felt the public should be informed of this misscount. We also wanted to show the Census bureau that their efforts were weak and since they wouldn't allow us to help, filling the shelter was the only way we could show our concern.

BUCK A MONTH CLUB FOUNDERS CLUB!!!!

The response has been great! But we are still short of our goal. So we are asking you to spread the word to your friends, family, church, and community. Once again we are asking all our friends to faithfully send a "buck a month". If you would like to be a special founding member, all you need to do is start today and continue with us for the next five years, until the house is paid off. Let's work together to make this dream truly ours!

Wish List

Booster Chairs
High Chairs
Strollers
Diapers - Large
Baby Car Seats

Bread
Coffee
Fresh Vegetables
Set of Spices
Meals/Casseroles (to feed approx. 25 people)
Large Tupperware/Food Storage Containers
Large Pots

Frozes Juices
Meat
Cheese
Milk
Pasta

TAKE THE STEP !

If you are interested in going to DC on April 15?

Name:

Phone:

CD workshop:

If you are interested in volunteering at Crossroads?

Name:

Phone:

Day of the Week:

Time:

If you do not wish to receive further issues of BACKSTEPS and NEXTSTEPS please sign this sheet and return it to us.

Name:

Please remove my name from your mailing list.

(Just fold this sheet over and return it to us)

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Karina's Speaking Schedule

3-29-90 Small City Conference UW Stevens Point 1:00-5:00p.m.
"Social Justice and Sociological Praxis: Homelessness."

4-12-90 Belin College of Nursing 7:00p.m. "Homelessness"

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