



Taking Good Faith's Message to the Council

Faith communities taking action with and for persons who are homeless in the District of Columbia

"A high-quality family homelessness system should provide year-round access to decent shelter when it is needed, and sufficient case management and services to help families quickly move from shelter to a safe and stable home. Unfortunately, this hasn't happened for the past several years in DC."

Helping Families Home: A Roadmap for the District

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WEEK IN REVIEW: Letter Campaign + Family homelessness roadmap introduced + City Council continues to listen and deliberate as it moves toward a budget in late May.

LETTER CAMPAIGN: This weekend in congregations across the city thousands of letters were signed by members of faith communities asking the City Council to take leadership in addressing the crisis of homelessness for families and the chronically homeless - planning, funding, oversight. The letters will be delivered in bulk to Chairman Phil Mendelson this week. In our newsletter next week we will report on the number of letters collected - and the Chairman's response.

HELPING FAMILIES HOME: A ROADMAP FOR THE DISTRICT: Since our newsletter of last week DC Fiscal Policy Institute with the endorsement of 21 DC service providers and advocacy groups (Good Faith included) introduced a plan for FY 2014 and 2015 that provides a guide for where the energy and resources should be focused to help DC avoid repeating the family homelessness crisis of last winter. This is a very important document - take time to read the opening pages to understand what needs to happen.

TESTIMONY: Speaking for Good Faith Rev. James Terrell, Rev. John Graham and Mary Tschudy testified before the DC Council last week on homelessness and affordable housing issues.

PETITION TO COUNCIL

Remind Council of your personal commitment to end family homelessness in DC. [Sign the petition](#) to support the plan: Helping Families Home: A Roadmap for the District.

The Way Home

Homelessness is not just about families. On any given night in the District, nearly 1,800 chronically homeless live on the streets and in shelters. Most homeless for years struggle with significant mental and chronic health conditions.

Good Faith is working with the *The Way Home* campaign to end chronic

homelessness by 2017. Good Faith supports the campaign's FY 2015 budget requests.
