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We Canceve Movement Focuses on Homeless Youth in October, November

(Abingdon, Md.) – When We Canceve Movement Founder Grace Callwood learned that 462 homeless children were enrolled in the Harford County Public Schools last school year, she was shocked. So, she rallied members of her board of advisors – all youth – to think of ways they could help raise awareness about the plight of homeless children.

The results: a slate of activities peppered throughout October and November 2015, two months that set aside weeks dedicated to raising homelessness awareness.

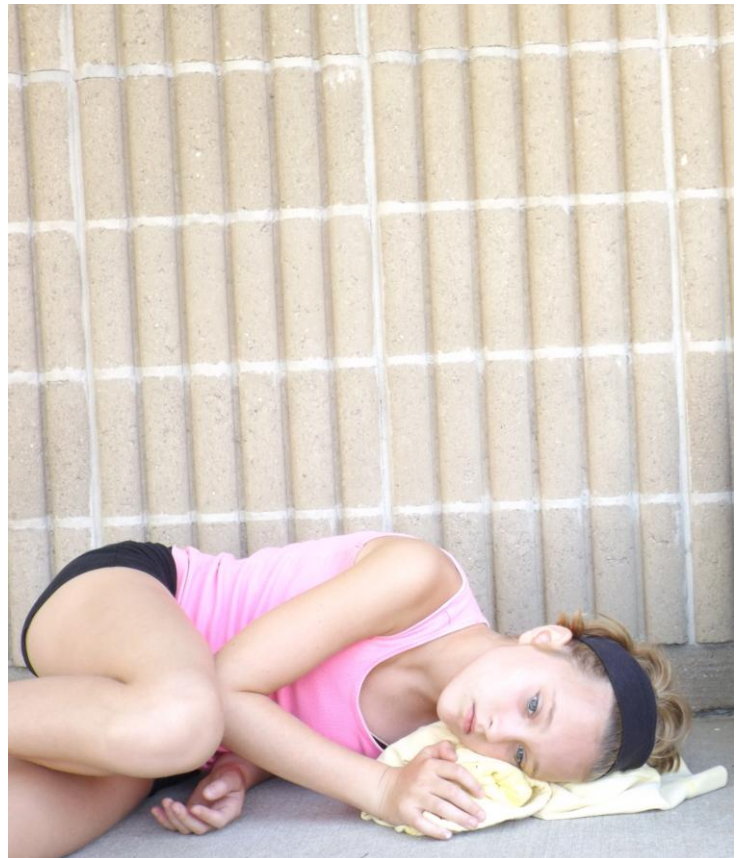
October is National Homeless Awareness Month, and they're kicking off the month with a loose change collection project that last year raised enough money to buy a gallon of milk for every month for the next three years at the Eastside Family Emergency Shelter in Rosedale, Md.,

"Everyone on our board helped with this initiative, and they got their families really involved. It was very successful and it was fun counting the money. We'd like to give the same amount of milk to the shelter again," said Callwood, age 11.

October 18-25, 2015 is set aside as Homeless Children's Awareness Week. During that week, We Canceve Movement board members, and their friends and families will volunteer at the Harford Family House, getting a residence ready for a family seeking shelter through Harford Family House's programs.

November is National Homeless Youth Awareness Month, with November 14-22, set aside as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. Board Member Addison Simpler is leading a toiletries drive and packing party. The nonprofit is collecting new, unopened hotel-sized toiletries and making gift bundles to hand out to homeless youth and their families.

Simpler, age 10, said homelessness is "just plain sad because we see, like, people who don't have homes. And it's sad; they can't get a lot of food."



Addison Simpler, 10, member of the We Canceve Movement Board of Advisors, ponders what life must be like for hundreds of thousands of children who do not have a place to call home. She participated in a photo shoot for the cover of the We Canceve Movement's website. Overcome with concern for homeless children, she decided to lay on the cold cement grounds outside of her school building in Abingdon.

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Homeless Youth focus of October, November 2015

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"Everybody should be able to have a home, and the right amount of food and the right amount of water. And it's sad because they can't get it."

With their programs, We Canceve hopes to raise awareness and funds to meet some of the homeless children's basic needs. Check out their schedule of activities and considering supporting these upcoming events:

October 2: Milkin' It

We're kicking off a one-month campaign to save loose change so we can buy milk for homeless children at Eastside Family Emergency Center in Baltimore County.

October 8 @from 6 – 8 p.m.

Harford Most Beautiful People

We Canceve Founder Grace Callwood will be recognized among the nominees for this year's award. She was nominated by Harford Family House. Ceremony will occur at the Church of the Nazarene in Bel Air.

October 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hookup a Home @ Harford Family House

The We Canceve Movement is going to prepare a resident at Harford Family House so that it's ready for a family to move in. Join us in the community service project! Interested? [Drop us a line!](#)

November 7 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Hotcakes for the Homeless

We Canceve board members will support the Hope for the Homeless event. Board members are asked to come out Friday, Nov. at 6:30 p.m. to decorate the dining room.

November 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sharing Table

We Canceve board members will help bag groceries for homeless and other families in need at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Edgewood.

November 15 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Toiletries Packing Party

Let's grab dinner at Broom's Bloom Dairy in Abingdon then pack toiletry kits that will be delivered to homeless families in Harford County. [RSVP today!](#)

The We Canceve Movement is a nonprofit organization that creates giving opportunities that can be supported by the community to bring happiness to homeless, sick and foster children. It was founded in 2011 by Callwood when she was a pediatric oncology patient. She completed chemotherapy in April 2014 and remains cancer free. With faith in God as its inspiration, the We Canceve Movement's operational posture is based on the belief that love is active, strong, urgent, practical and possible, and that solutions are swift because happiness shouldn't have to wait. Since 2011, the We Canceve Movement has donated cash and gifts to homeless shelters, local hospitals and group homes totaling almost \$10,000 in total value.

We Canceve has established an accumulator fund with the Community Foundation of Harford County (CFHC). The We Canceve Accumulator Fund will eventually become a permanent fund of CFHC to support the work of the We Canceve Movement. Contributions made to the Community Foundation of Harford County are tax-deductible, and can be designated to the We Canceve Accumulator Fund. The Community Foundation of Harford County is a 501(c)(3) public charity (nonprofit) supported by the community through donations. For more information, visit www.wecanceve.org.

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