

## **Hollywood Homeless Registry Week**

April 25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010

### Who:

Hollywood 4WRD (4 Walls, a Roof and a Door) is a passionate and committed coalition comprised of representatives from the non-profit, government, and business communities, formed in 2008, aimed at ending homelessness in Hollywood by 2018. Individuals that have dedicated themselves to this effort come from a variety of different agencies, businesses and community organizations including:

- Andrews International Security
- Briggs Law
- Children's Hospital Los Angeles
- Community Redevelopment Agency, LA
- Corporation for Supportive Housing
- Ecclesia Hollywood
- Gett Love
- Hollywood Chamber of Commerce
- Hollywood First Presbyterian Church
- Hollywood Property Owners Alliance
- Hollywood Homeless Youth Partnership
- Hollywood Seventh Day Adventist Church
- LA County Department of Mental Health
- LA Gay and Lesbian Center
- LA Housing Services Authority
- LA Youth Network
- Los Angeles Police Department
- My Friend's Place
- Office of City Council President Eric Garcetti
- Office of City Councilmember Tom LaBonge
- Office of LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
- Office of the Mayor of Los Angeles
- Pacific Clinics/Portals
- Paramount Contractors
- People Assisting the Homeless (PATH)
- Shelter Partnership
- Step Up on Second
- The Saban Free Clinic
- United Way
- Veteran's Administration Greater Los Angeles

### What:

Hollywood 4WRD is working in partnership with Common Ground, a non-profit organization based in New York, as part of their *100,000 Homes Campaign*. In April 2010, teams of community volunteers (approx. 40) headed by experienced outreach workers, will use Common Ground's Vulnerability Index tool to create a by-name list of homeless individuals living on the streets who are most at risk of premature death.

- In order to be considered medically vulnerable an individual must have been living on the streets for at least 6 months and have at least one of the following 8 conditions:
  - Liver disease
  - End-stage renal disease
  - HIV+/AIDS
  - Age over 60
  - History of cold or wet weather injury
  - 3+ ER visits in previous 3 months
  - 3+ Inpatient or ER episodes in past year
  - Tri-morbidity (substance abuse + SMI + chronic disease)
- We will create a name and photograph database (with a signed consent form) of those surveyed, which will rank order participants according to the Vulnerability Index.
- Registry organizers will deploy teams of volunteers in pre-designated areas throughout the Hollywood community to conduct face-to-face interviews with those that are visibly homeless.

When:

Hollywood Homeless Registry Week is April 25 – 30, 2010

- Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – 2 to 5 p.m. at Hollywood Fountain South (6501 Fountain Ave.): Training on motivational interviewing and Vulnerability Index tool from Common Ground's 100,000 Homes Campaign Leadership Team
- Monday – Wednesday, April 26 – 28<sup>th</sup> – 3:30 a.m. to 6 a.m.: Debrief at Hollywood Fountain South (6501 Fountain Ave.) and field interviews
- Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – 2 to 3pm: Community briefing and presentation of survey results. Location TBD.

Why:

This prioritization will help our community better allocate scarce housing and supportive service resources to those most in need, thereby saving lives and impacting our community through the ultimate reduction in street homelessness and use of high cost emergency and crisis services.

Where:

Hollywood 4WRD will conduct field interviews in an area roughly bounded by Franklin to the north, Romaine to the south, La Brea to the west, and Serrano to the east. Based upon a "snapshot" count conducted two years ago, it is anticipated that between 500 – 550 homeless individuals live within these boundaries.

How:

Hollywood 4WRD supports the nationally recognized "Housing First" model which seeks to rapidly re-house homeless persons in permanent housing connected to wrap-around supportive services appropriate to the individual's needs.

**To volunteer for Hollywood Registry Week, please register at:**

<http://hollywoodhomelessregistry.wufoo.com/forms/hollywood-homeless-registry-2010-volunteer-sign-up/>

Additional information:

For more information on efforts underway to end homelessness please refer to the Common Ground 100,000 Homes Campaign website: [http://www.commonground.org/?page\\_id=3453](http://www.commonground.org/?page_id=3453)