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## **National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week**

*November 15 - 22, 2020*

Did you know that the week before Thanksgiving is National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week?

It was founded in 1975 at Villanova University when a group of students, recognizing the power education could have in the fight against homelessness, decided to coordinate a week of activities around the issues.

Now, Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week (HHAW) is sponsored by the National Student Campaign against Hunger and Homelessness (NSCHH) and the National Coalition for the Homeless (NCH).

Be sure to check out: <https://hhweek.org/events/> to find local events to come together and draw attention to the problems of hunger and homelessness.

Spread the word!

# HandKnitMercantile items benefit people experiencing homelessness



Thanks to our Board Member, Alexandra King, people experiencing homelessness have been receiving necessities such as face cloths and hats in the past few months.

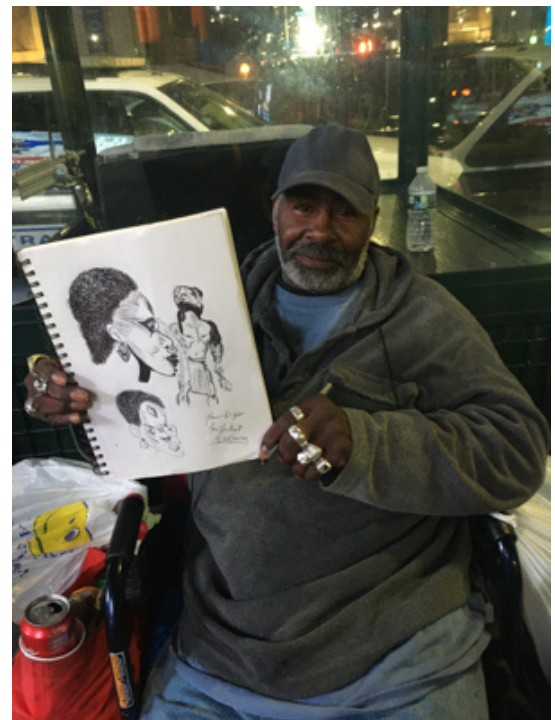
The face cloths are put in hygiene kits and given to those in need. Now that the fall weather is in full swing, our guests will be receive much needed hats.

Be sure to visit her Etsy page: HandknitMercantile to support this worthy cause.

*"It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it."  
- Nelson Mandela*

## The People we meet on the Street...

We met Bruce, settled in his spot on 33rd and 8th Avenue, who showed us his notebook of drawings and serenaded us with a Frank Sinatra song. While talking with Bruce, one of our regular guests told us where we could find others in need nearby. There was a woman sitting near Duane Reade, a man barely able to stand in a drug-induced stupor, a hungry and disheveled looking soul, and a man flat out on the sidewalk being awakened by a building security guard and a police officer. This was all in a half block walk. Five minutes later, the man in the drug-induced stupor surprisingly walked past us and when we offered him food and toiletries, he gladly accepted them and thanked us.



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