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DID YOU KNOW? MORE THAN 7,000 PEOPLE ENTERED HOMELESSNESS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HOUSTON REGION LAST YEAR?

The Mission of Yahweh Marks World Homelessness Day With a Message for Houston: **“Homelessness Hurts. Change Is Possible. Be the Change.”**

HOUSTON, Texas October 2026 — According to the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County, **7,110 people entered homelessness for the first time during federal fiscal year 2025.**

Homelessness doesn’t always look the way we expect. For a mother and her children, it can begin with a lost job, a financial crisis or domestic violence. The impact reaches far beyond housing, disrupting school, work, routines and a family’s sense of security.

On Saturday, October 10 (see details below) , The Mission of Yahweh will mark **World Homelessness Day** by bringing the community together around a simple message:

HOMELESSNESS HURTS. It hurts families. It disrupts childhoods. It impacts our entire community.

CHANGE IS POSSIBLE. When people and organizations work together, lives can move from crisis toward stability and hope.

BE THE CHANGE. Advocate. Donate. Volunteer. Get involved.

“Behind every statistic is a person—a mother, a child, a family—and an opportunity to change the direction of a life,” said **Glenda Haynes, Executive Director of The Mission of Yahweh.** “We want Houstonians to know that homelessness hurts, but it does not have to be the end of someone’s story. Change is possible, and every one of us can have a role in making it happen.”

Source: Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County, *2026 State of Homelessness in Houston Report*

WORLD HOMELESSNESS DAY AT THE MISSION OF YAHWEH

Saturday, October 10, 2026, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

The Mission of Yahweh

10247 Algiers Road Houston, TX 77041

The community is invited to visit The Mission, learn more about homelessness in Houston, meet community partners and discover practical ways to **advocate, donate and volunteer**.

ABOUT THE MISSION OF YAHWEH

Since 1961, The Mission of Yahweh has been a faith-based organization providing shelter and supportive services for homeless mothers and children, helping families move from crisis toward stability, independence and restored hope.

The Mission of Yahweh **receives no government funding**. We've been sustained **since 1961** by individuals, churches, businesses, foundations and friends who believe in this work.