



SHANTY TOWN 2018

Set-up 4-5:30, activities start at 5:30pm

Sat. October 13th to 9am October 14th

West Bloomfield Congregational Church

9035 Rts 5 & 20, W. Bloomfield NY 14585

SLEEP OUT AGAINST HOMELESSNESS

What is it? Shanty Town is an event for youth in grades 6 and up in which we build our own shelters, with cardboard, duct tape, imagination and teamwork — right at church! We discuss housing issues and how we can help. We spend time around the barrel fire, play games, share a “soup kitchen” style dinner and snacks. *There will be 1 adult chaperone for every 10 youth.*

What’s it for? Shanty Town helps us to better understand how it feels to be in a housing crisis. At the same time we raise money and collect donations for Habitat for Humanity of Ontario County (an organization that works with low income families and volunteers to build affordable homes), Cameron Ministries (an urban outreach), The Open Door Mission (a Christian rescue mission providing physical & spiritual needs of the homeless), the Honeoye Food Pantry (a local food pantry that helps out families in need), and the YWCA (an organization that helps women and girls who are faced with personal crises including homelessness). ***A great sense of community is built along with the shanties!***

How does it work? You ask your friends, family, neighbors, teachers, co-workers, etc. to sponsor you to spend the night in a cardboard box. You collect donations and turn them in the night of the event. You bring a cardboard box to sleep in and a few other items (see below). That’s it! It’s that simple and it makes a huge difference.

Who can come? Shanty town is designed for middle and high school kids from the community (6th – 12th grade). You do not need to be from our church or youth group to participate — it’s for everyone! So invite a friend!

Please click “going” on the Shanty Town facebook event invite for timeline, tips and more information as it becomes available.

We’re inviting Shanty Town participants and their families to join us for breakfast at 8:30am on the 13th. After we eat together everyone is invited to stay for service at 10am! (Parking lot must be cleaned up by 10am.)

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Please contact Sarah Williams at 330-2471 (texting is good!) or swilliams2442@gmail.com

How to Participate:

- You must collect a minimum of \$25 in sponsorship money to participate. **Please convert all donations into ONE CHECK written out to WBCC with “Shanty Town” on the memo line.** WBCC will send one check to Habitat for Humanity. There will be a prize for the top fundraiser!
- RSVP to Sarah Williams by October 6th. (**THIS IS CRITICAL** so we have enough supplies for the participants. It’s ok to bring your registration form with you to the event as long as you have confirmed with Sarah prior to this date. Please confirm with a text, email or fb message.)
- **Gather a large box** (or several smaller boxes) and other supplies to create your shanty. Be as creative as you like! There will be prizes for the best shanties in different categories.
- **Check over the “What to Bring” list.**
- In addition to sponsorship money we are asking participants to bring in at least one from the following list to support agencies that help the homeless, hungry and housing-insecure. To make things easier, there will be several times in the weeks before the event to bring your donation items to WBCC.

DONATION LIST (please bring at least one item):

- Food:** single serve snack items that appeal to kids for Honeoye Food Pantry
 - Paper supplies** (toilet paper, paper towels) for the YWCA
 - Diapers** (especially size 5) for Cameron Ministries
 - Toiletries:** toothbrushes, toothpaste, bars of soap, etc. for the YWCA
 - Coats** (gently used good condition) for men, women and children for the Open Door Mission
 - Household items** to be resold at ReStore to support Habitat for Humanity
 - Socks** (especially men’s) for the Canandaigua VA Hospital
- Show up at the WBCC parking lot starting *no earlier* than 4pm Saturday October 13th with your supplies, donations, your forms and your overnight items. You can arrive later than 4 pm, but **we’d like all participants to be set up and ready to start participating in our activities by 5:30pm.**

What to Bring

- Participation Form, Permission Slip and signed Covenant
- Collected sponsorship money (**ONE check PLEASE made out to WBCC with “Shanty Town in the memo**) There is a prize for the top fundraiser.
- Shanty making supplies (box, duct tape, tarp, utility knife, etc.) Be as creative as you like. There are prizes for creative shanties.
- Sleeping bag, blankets, pillow
- Flash light
- Layers of warm and appropriate clothes (we’ll be outside- there have years where it rained or even snowed!!) Sneakers are a must! We’ll be running around outside.
- Personal items you need for overnight
- Travel mug or refillable bottle
- At least one item from the DONATIONS list
- Positive Spirit!



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Sponsor sheet for _____

Name:	Address:	Amount:
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TOTAL COLLECTED: _____

SHANTY TOWN 2018 PARTICIPATION FORM



Name of Participant: _____

I prefer to be called: _____ circle one : middle school / high school

Parent/ Guardian name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Church, Youth Group or other organization: _____

Health Insurance Company : _____ ID number: _____

My child is healthy and can participate in all activities: YES NO

If NO please list restrictions: _____

My child takes the following medication: _____

Emergency contact if parent/guardian cannot be reached: _____

PERMISSION SLIP

I give permission for _____ to attend Shanty Town at West Bloomfield Congregational Church 4pm Oct. 13th – 9am Oct. 14th.

- I understand that my child will be sleeping outdoors all night and I will ensure that he or she dresses appropriately.
- I understand that I am responsible for ensuring that my child brings a box to sleep in. (Boxes WILL NOT be provided at the event.)
- I understand that in the case of inappropriate behavior, I may be called to pick up my child prior to the end of the event.
- I consent and authorize WBCC to use and reproduce photographs of my child taken during Shanty Town for publicity purposes which may include posting on the WBCC online sites. YES NO

Signature of Parent/ Guardian: _____ date: _____



WBCC Shanty Town Youth Covenant *(to be completed by youth participant)*

Shanty Town is a fun and exciting event, but it also serves a serious purpose. We hold your health and safety as utmost importance. Also, your participation in this event and the signing of this covenant indicates that you understand that this is a faith based activity and you will treat it so.

- I promise to fully participate in the activities at Shanty Town 2018 and to cooperate with the leaders and other participants. I will come to the event with a positive spirit and a willingness to learn about homelessness.
- I understand that the use of cell phones, ipods, mp3players or other electronic devices will not be allowed during group activities. They will be allowed during “down time”. They may be collected during some points of the evening.
- I will respect all persons (fellow participants and leaders) and property at the event. I will avoid profanity, negativism or complaining.
- I understand that I will be sleeping outside overnight, and will bring weather appropriate clothing.
- I will not possess alcohol, tobacco or any illegal drugs.
- I will not leave the grounds of WBCC for the duration of the event unless I have written permission from my parent/guardian.
- I understand that in the case of inappropriate behavior my parent or guardian will be called to take me home.

I have read and comply with all of the above:

Signature of participant: _____ date : _____

Please RSVP to Sarah Williams by October 6th via email (swilliams2442@gmail.com) or text or call 330-2471. You may bring your Permission Slip with you. You may also mail it to the following address as long as it is received by Oct. 5th.

WBCC
Attn: Shanty Town
PO Box 5
W. Bloomfield, NY 14585