

PHOTOVOICE PROJECT

LOOK HERE! VIEWS FROM THE INVISIBLE COMMUNITY IS A WALK THROUGH EXHIBIT THAT PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET A FIRST-HAND VIEW OF LIFE ON THE STREETS, THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY THOSE WHO KNOW THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS CALAMITY IN OUR COMMUNITY, PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND/OR EXTREME POVERTY IN PORTLAND, OREGON.

FROM JANUARY THROUGH APRIL OF 2005, SISTERS' CUSTOMERS TOOK PICTURES OF THEIR DAY-TO-DAY LIVES, INCLUDING SEEKING FOOD, SHELTER, HEALTHCARE AND COMMUNITY. THIS EXHIBIT IS A COMPILATION OF THESE PHOTOS, AND WHAT THEY TOLD US ABOUT THEIR LIVES THROUGH THE PHOTOS.

THE EXHIBIT ALSO INCLUDES FINDINGS FROM SISTERS' RESEARCH PROJECT, LAUNCHED IN THE FALL OF 2001 THE RESEARCH PROJECT HAS WORKED TO GATHER AND SUMMARIZE INFORMATION ON THE ROOT CAUSES AND SOLUTIONS OF HOMELESSNESS BY ASKING THE EXPERTS, PEOPLE WITH EXPERIENCE WITH HOMELESSNESS, ABOUT THEIR LIVES. FIVE-HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN (515) INTERVIEWS (2-3 HOURS EACH!) ARE BEING ANALYZED NOW THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, TACOMA'S SCHOOL OF URBAN STUDIES. THE RESULTS OF THIS ANALYSIS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN 2006. A SECOND BOOK, VOICES FROM THE STREET, WILL CONSIST OF QUOTES AND PHOTOS FROM PHOTOVOICE AND THE RESEARCH PROJECT.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY. WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THE SHOW.

