

The Plan:

Jason K Powers is gearing up for a long term project to document the lives of various kinds of hidden homeless. To the public, there is a generalization of what a homeless person is or looks like. Stereotypically speaking, one might automatically think of a homeless person as a male who is either an alcoholic or a drug addict. There have been plenty of stories put out over the years on these stereotypes, and Jason would like to focus on some of the remaining types of homeless people... what one might call the hidden homeless.

The idea is to select various types of homeless people and spend a half day, full day or 48 hours with as many hidden homeless as possible during 2013. During the time spent with them, Jason would live with them on the streets, eat with them as they eat, experience what they experience, sleep where they sleep. All the while, learning their story, and photographing their every day life through the time spent with them.

The intent would be to get a round perspective of what the hidden homeless face in Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. This way he will be covering the four seasons, thus gaining a wider perspective of the difficulties that arise for people in these different situations throughout the year.

In the end, a photo coffee table book will be published with the intent to help raise awareness of the issue, and help raise funds for local non-profit organizations.

Potential Subjects:

- The Single Mother and Child
- The Child or Teen
- The Elderly Man/Woman
- The Family
- The Military Veteran
- The Widow
- The Abused Female
- The Refugee



Partnering Organization:



Jason K Powers will be working side by side with Denver local non-profit, Denver's Road Home, on this project. A portion of all proceeds from the book will go back into the non-profit to continue helping the homeless community in Colorado.

Denver's Road Home is an initiative of the City and County of Denver, started in 2005 by then Mayor Hickenlooper, with the "10 Year Plan to End Homelessness." Utilizing and bringing together a large network of homeless organizations in the Denver area, DRH works to help the homeless in the areas of employment, mentoring, temporary and permanent housing, and so much more.

Time-frame of Project:

Jason K Powers will be working on this project as much as possible during the 2013 calendar year.

WE NEED YOUR HELP:

The Denver's Hidden Homeless project will require the help of many different homeless organizations working on the 'ground level' because they are the ones who see, meet and know these hidden homeless every day. These 'ground level' organizations are also the ones ultimately helping the hidden homeless to get back on their feet. We also need the help of those who have been homeless, are homeless or in transition.

Jason K Powers and Denver's Road Home are asking for your assistance in finding those who would be willing to share their story with us, and the world, to help the public better understand that there are far more hidden homeless than they ever knew. The objective is to help the public understand what is really out there beyond the stereotype, and the hidden homeless who share their story are the ones who ultimately will accomplish this.

We're asking for you to keep your eyes and ears open, and whenever you run across someone who might be interested, run this idea past them, and if they are potentially interested, you can get in touch with Melanie at DRH and she will communicate the needful to Jason from there.

Together, we can help the public better understand what all is out there on the streets, which in turn could call more people to want to help put an end to Denver's Hidden Homeless once for all.

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