



THE HOUSING REALITY GAME*
THAT WILL OPEN YOUR EYES.
*It's no mere "GAME"; it's a formidable learning tool.
www.HomeSweetHomelessness.org

Be a "Game Guide"

Help people care more about the problem of homelessness by experiencing *your* humanity.

What are Game Guides?"?

Would you like people to know what it's like to be homeless? What if you could help them learn it! If you have experienced homelessness, you can make a difference in how those without homes are treated in your own area. "Game Guides" do this by playing Home Sweet Homelessness with those who have never experienced what you have.

Home Sweet Homelessness is a learning tool, a simply played but powerful board game designed by residents of a homeless shelter to give people *with* homes a sense of the homelessness experience, to make them more aware of its realities – how easily it can happen to anyone and how hard it is to escape. When people with homes play the game with people who have no home, it impacts not only their minds, but their hearts. They become more concerned and compassionate. They gain respect for you and others in your situation, and are more likely to become more involved in ongoing relationships with those without homes, sharing more of their time and speaking up more about the problems you suffer.

What do Game Guides do?

- Training: Those who are willing to serve are first invited to sit with experienced Game Guides for conversation about the game and what kinds of things make some people effective as Game Guides. If it looks like it fits you, these experienced Game Guides will give you training to make it more enjoyable for you and more effective for those you "guide" while playing the game.
- Guiding Play: We contact Game Guides when groups want to play the game (in meetings, church groups, etc. in order to have one or two Game Guides in each group of five playing the game. We work with you to provide transportation to the game and back.
- Ongoing training, perhaps toward leadership, perhaps not: after each game, we take time to huddle and discuss what we learned. If it looks like you would like to try to take on more responsibility for recruiting and training other Game Guides, we're with you!
- Referral to opportunities: as you make connections in your community as a Games Guide, we will do all that we can to help you develop and maintain these connections to help you move forward in your life, and to become as engaged as you'd like to be in your community.

Interested? Please fill out the attached application!

Add me to your list of Game Guide candidates. I'll be glad to talk with a Game Guide coordinator/trainer to learn about hosting the game, helping those who play it to get the most out of it by following the rules and answering their questions about homeless reality. You can reach me by my contact information below.

