## Homelessness In the U.S.

- Fact 1: Over half a million people are homeless. Every night, there are over 600,000 homeless staying the night in homeless shelters living in cars or under bridges.
- Fact 2: One quarter of homeless people are children. In September 2014 local school districts reported there are over 1 million homeless children in public schools.
- Fact 3: Tens of thousands of veterans are homeless. Over 57,000 male and female veterans are homeless each night
- Fact 5: Many people are homeless because they cannot afford rent.
- **Fact 6: There are fewer places for poor people to rent than before.** The U.S. needs at least <u>7 million</u> more affordable apartments for low-income families.
- Fact 7: In the last few years 1 out of every 10 people have lost their homes when they could not make payments to the bank.
- Fact 8: The government helps one out of every four families. The others may need to wait for years for assistance.
- Fact 9: One in five homeless people suffer from untreated illnesses.