

Everyone deserves a safe place to call home..Help us reach this goal.

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Did you know....

"Home is a sanctuary for me and the place where I can relax. Everyone should have the right to a safe and secure home."

Singer Corinne Bailey Rae

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Front Steps has much to be thankful for this year!

We would like to thank the many volunteers who participated on February 2nd in the 2010 Homeless Count and Survey!

A huge thank you to all who donated to our first ever **Holiday Cheer Drive!** Without your generosity, we could not have given gifts to men and women in housing, Case Management, or Recuperative Care.

Another big thank you to all who donated blankets, jackets, and other warm weather

How Volunteers Make a Difference!
Volunteer of the Month - Whitney

Whitney moved to Austin three years ago and, after walking by the ARCH a countless number of times, she decided to attend a volunteer orientation session. "After learning about all the opportunities and many ways there were to contribute, I couldn't help but become involved," says Whitney.



Whitney has enjoyed getting to know everyone in ARCH's unique community. She says that every time she is here, she leaves with a positive attitude about people's capacity to change and to work with each other. This motivation is seen in her work as an employment assistance volunteer, where she has had the opportunity to work one on one with patrons to help reconstruct work histories and craft résumés.

She describes her best moment as a volunteer when one of her class participants secured a job with the résumé they had made together.

Recently, she has been applying to graduate schools in the hopes of pursuing a career in writing or teaching. In the future, she plans to pursue social justice goals and to continue the mission that Front Steps stands for.

For her reliability and dedication to Front Steps and our clients, not to mention her sincere commitment to helping with employment readiness, Front Steps is pleased to honor Whitney Campbell as our Volunteer of the Month!

Keep Austin Housed Homeless Wellness Fair a Success!

accessories this winter. Thank you for helping us keep our homeless neighbors warm!

Last, but not least, thank you to everyone who donated their time, skills, and resources to Front Steps and the ARCH in 2009. We appreciate you so very much!

How You Can Help...

We have a variety of in-kind donation needs for our New Women's Group and for men and women moving into housing.

For a list of needs, please email dperkins@frontsteps.org. Thank you!

And, don't forget to find us on Facebook and Twitter!

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3rd Annual Day of Wellness Honored MLK's Commitment to Service

In remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Keep Austin Housed AmeriCorps members hosted the 3rd Annual Day of Wellness, providing a respectful setting to advance the health and well-being of Austin's homeless adults. Keep Austin Housed (KAH) is a program of Front Steps.



More than 100 volunteers from all over Austin, including two additional AmeriCorps groups (Goodwill and Catholic Charities), participated by providing a variety of helpful services to the more than 400 individuals who attended the event in downtown Austin.

Aside from serving warm, healthy meals to the attendees, the KAH Day of Wellness celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s message of service by contributing much-needed, basic forms of care such as 900 pairs of shoes, over 300 haircuts, and offered foot care exams, massages, STD screenings, speech/hearing screenings, and on-site case management services for housing and medical access.

Keep Austin Housed is grateful for Austin's generous and warm spirit, which helped them make this incredible day possible!

Did You Know...

That Front Steps helped 49 formerly homeless men and women move into permanent housing last quarter? That's an average of 16 people per month!

How can we do this? With your continued and generous support.

Thank you for all that you do!

If you would like to make a financial contribution to help Front Steps continue the work we do, please visit our secure online donations page at <http://www.frontsteps.org/how-to-help/donate/donate-today.html>.

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