

Festival of Compassion

The first 'Festival of Compassion' starts on Saturday June 23rd, at the Seattle's Westlake Plaza. This event is inspired by the rising homelessness in the Seattle area. The goal of the festival is to showcase practical ways of engaging humans on land and partake in the bounty that results. Based on the pilot for food truck and the farm in Redmond we developed recently, this seems like a practical and viable approach to reducing homelessness in the greater Seattle area. We hope you can come and contribute to this developing vision towards a humane society starting with the City of Seattle.

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*Westlake
Park
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*Saturday
23rd June
12 to 5 pm*



Festival of
COMPASSION
for homeless and everyone



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Helping the City of Seattle in combating rising homelessness.

"Every night, thousands of our neighbors sleep outside without shelter, in some of the most inhumane and dangerous conditions you can imagine. While every single person experiencing homelessness in Seattle has their own story, what is true across Seattle is the need to help our neighbors move to safer places as we work together to build a better future for all who call Seattle home." - Mayor Jenny Durkan

Although in 2017 Seattle and King County spend \$195,588,532 for homelessness programs, homelessness is on the rise. NWShare has developed a unique program to help the homeless through free food distribution truck and pioneer inspired farms where the homeless can get rehabilitated, learn new skills and raise families on the farm. Tiny Houses or Tent cities are appealing but do not address the whole problem. City of Seattle is working hard to solve homelessness...we have the pilot success in food truck program and volunteer base to help the city. Our proposal is to:

- Reinvigorate the spirit of pioneers in the West Coast
- Train homeless to build functional cottages, live on the land, grow basic crops and become productive again



Picture 1: Pioneers claim land and grow food

- Act according to their physical and emotional capability
- Improve emotional well-being
- Education and rebuilding Artistic thoughts on the farm

Free Food Truck:

The idea of the food truck came from our earlier efforts to provide free food in the University district from year 2000 to 2015. We were able to feed 30 people every night in the restaurant in University district at the restaurant 'My Sweet Lord'. Since our ability to cover the entire city is limited we revised our strategy to a food truck. Purchased at expense of \$60,000 we upgraded the truck with refrigerator, stoves, fire protection equipment, bathroom and washing sinks. Every Saturday we go to the University district areas and have been serving 150-170 plates of hot cooked food. A typical meal has rice, flat bread chapattis, curry, soup, halwa desert, etc. We have received a great reception for our efforts from the beneficiaries and local police, government officials etc.



Picture 2: Roadmap to success in feeding homeless – goal to have five food trucks by 2021

Farm Pilot projects:

Our pilot farm started in 2013 in Redmond, WA where we started with one Cow. Now we are upto 16 cows through natural calf births. We are able to support the community for their milk needs in a self sufficient manner.

Our experience in farming: We have two farms in Redmond and Black Diamond

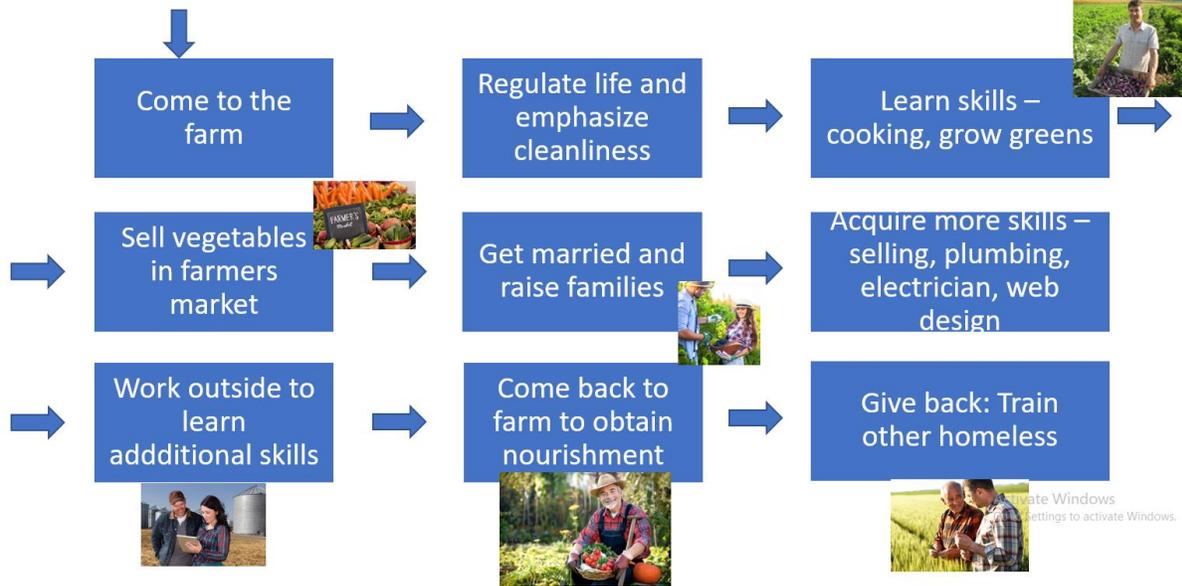


Picture 3: Our successful farms in Redmond and Black Diamond



Path to Self Sustainment for Homeless

Rehabilitation on farm less stressful and fewer distractions



Picture 4: Path to self-sustainment for the homeless