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Coalition of Religious Communities

Working together to end child
homelessness in Utah

29 very diverse faith communities are taking action next month for homeless children

The following 28 congregations from all over Utah, plus one in Wyoming, have told us they plan to participate in Ending Child Homelessness Sabbath in some way during the month of October. Some are offering prayers for homeless children in at least one worship service. Others are collecting diapers to donate to agencies that help women and children who are homeless because of domestic violence. All are educating themselves about the over 2,600 children who are projected to be homeless this year.

If your congregation is participating but not on our list please let us know We do not want to accidentally leave anyone out.

Faith Communities we know are participating in Ending Child Homelessness Sabbath

All Saints Episcopal Church
Bountiful United Church of Christ
Cathedral Church of St. Mark
Christ United Methodist Church, Millcreek
Community United Methodist Church, Ogden
Congregation Kol Ami
Cottonwood Presbyterian Church
Elim Lutheran Church, Ogden
Emerald Hills Initiative
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Ogden
First Presbyterian Church, Salt Lake City
First United Methodist Church of Ogden
Granger Community Christian Church, West Valley City
Hilltop United Methodist Church, Sandy
Islamic Society of Greater Salt Lake
Holladay United Church of Christ
Midvale EFKS New Jerusalem Church
Mosaic Interfaith Ministries, Murray
Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, Salt Lake City
Pinedale Community United Church of Christ, Pinedale, Wyoming
Radha Krisna Temple, Spanish Fork
South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, Cottonwood Heights
St. Francis of Assisi Christian Church
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Provo
St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Taylorsville
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Ogden
The Well Church, Sandy
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Offering prayers and collecting diapers for homeless children

Join faith communities across Utah in praying and/or collecting diapers for homeless children at one or more worship service during the month of October. Domestic violence is a major cause of child homelessness, and October is Domestic Violence Awareness month, so we are asking congregations to donate diapers they collect to an organization that provides services to families fleeing domestic violence.

For more information about how your congregation can participate, or to learn more about the Coalition of Religious Communities, contact Bill Tibbitts at Crossroads Urban Center, bill@crossroadsurbancenter.org or 801-364-7765 ex 107.

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Could you share our quarterly newsletter with your state

legislators? Sending an email to legislators with a [link](#) to our newsletter is an easy way to introduce yourself to them and to introduce them to CORC and CORC's three part plan for reducing child homelessness.

A THREE PART PLAN FOR REDUCING CHILD HOMELESSNESS

2,636 Utah children were served by an emergency homeless shelter between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. Our state can reduce this number in future years by doing three things.

1. Expand access to childcare for families coming out of homelessness. 85 percent of homeless mothers do not have access to the childcare their family needs. Lack of childcare can become a major hurdle to being able to afford to move out of a shelter.

2. Increase supports for parents and children who are domestic violence survivors. 42 percent of homeless children in Utah are fleeing domestic violence with a parent. Domestic violence survivors often need help that other families do not

need. Oregon and Washington State have had success with a program called Domestic Violence Housing First. It is time to bring this model to Utah. Domestic violence should not lead to extended periods of child homelessness.

3. Build a minimum of 50 new units of permanent supportive housing for homeless families. 95 percent of Utah families served by a homeless shelter leave within six months. Permanent supportive housing helps to stabilize the lives of part of the remaining five percent who have need for greater support.

The Coalition of Religious Communities is a project of Crossroads Urban Center that brings people together from a variety of faith traditions to promote solutions to hunger, homelessness and poverty in Utah.
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Upcoming Events

Ending Child Homelessness Sabbath:

Dozens of faith communities will be collecting diapers and offering prayers for homeless children during a worship service this month.

Faith & Poverty Day at the Utah Capitol:

On January 31, 2019, people from many different faith traditions will gather in the State Office Building behind the Utah Capitol at 10 AM to help draw attention to CORC's three part agenda for reducing child homelessness and other key poverty issues.



To learn how your faith community can join over 30 congregations all over Utah in offering prayers and/or collecting diapers for homeless children in October contact Bill Tibbitts at Crossroads Urban Center, 801-364-7765 ex. 107 or at bill@crossroadsurbancenter.org.