Mobile Jewish Response to Homelessness (MJRH)

Six days per week, Ve’ahavta’s Outreach Workers and volunteers provide coffee, food, clothing, sleeping bags and hygiene supplies to people who are homeless. Just as importantly, they provide conversation and a listening ear.

Ve’ahavta’s Outreach Workers provide needs assessment and referrals for clients who are homeless or precariously housed. They also develop partnerships with other outreach van services and community organizations to better coordinate care for marginalized clients.

Consistent, frequent and compassionate service can build trusting relationships that provide the emotional support needed to create change.

Through the provision of essential supplies, harm-reduction kits and referrals to shelters, people’s basic needs are met.

Volunteer opportunities raise people’s awareness of homelessness and poverty in Toronto and reduce the stigma and isolation experienced by people who are homeless.

Each year 600 volunteers give over 3,000 hours of volunteer time on the MJRH outreach van!

“The Mobile Jewish Response to Homelessness program helps Toronto’s most vulnerable population in the following ways:

Ve’ahavta has developed a specialized shift for B’nai Mitzvah and teens aged 12 to 15. The participants interact with people who are experiencing homelessness. They also experience a unique educational program to build empathy and an understanding of the complexities of poverty and homelessness. A focus is placed on issues facing homeless youth, women, refugees and other newcomers, members of the LGBTQ community, Indigenous communities and other marginalized groups.

The Young Riders shift ends at the Toronto Homeless Memorial, sparking a conversation about how this tragedy can happen in an affluent city like Toronto and the actions youth can take to help reduce homelessness.

Ve’ahavta's catchment area: Eglinton to Lakeshore, Lansdowne to DVP.

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