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Opinion Editorial

Homelessness has been an issue not only in my community but in New York as a whole. You'd mostly see homeless people living unsheltered in the subways, on the station platform, inside the train taking up seats, stinking up the train cart. Outside the station. Out in the streets. A probable solution to fix this is helping the homeless community with a shelter, not saying a luxury place but as long as they have a place to stay and a place to sleep.

Homelessness happens due to different factors that include, substance abuse, mental illness, not enough money to keep housing, unable to find a job. "Growing up in poverty may disturb a child's brain development and undermine his social and emotional growth" (bowery.org). This explains another cause how one may become homeless, one may adapt to poverty lifestyle.

"In a city more than 8.3 million people, nearly one in every 83 New Yorkers is homeless" (bowery.or), and yet some people oppose helping the poor/homeless. Some people attended a rally to not build any shelter for the homeless. "More than 60 residents gathered outside the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Rego Park on Sunday afternoon to protest the city's decision to convert the site to a shelter for 100 homeless men, with plans to open the shelter as early as next month" (qchorn.com). Department of Social Services has plan to give homeless men a roof under their head but Rego Park residents refuse this, which is understanding because they live by the hotel, so it will be a new change for them and realistically, who wants to live next to homeless due to their lack of sense. But we can't blame them and it is for the best for them. Better to give them a home than sharing a train car with them on the train, stinking up the train car, or sleeping on the chairs.

Homelessness is a major issue in the world, and we can help turn this around by giving them the help they need. There are stories where a people have experienced being homeless and have come back up from it. Source Bowery.com, gave an example of a guy's story name David, "During his struggle with addiction, David lost his home, job and wife. With nowhere else to go, he found himself sleeping on the street". The Bowery mission, helped him get back on his feet, making him feel good about himself. This shows if we come together as a community we can help a few peoples story's.

To conclude, we see homelessness mostly everywhere we go, out on the streets on our way home or on the way to work, on the subways, etc. We could build more shelters and give them a home, help them get back on their feet. Help out the next generation.

Resources:

<https://www.bowery.org/homelessness/#:~:text=More%20than%204%2C000%20people%20are,system%20where%20they%20remain%20unseen.>

https://www.qchron.com/editions/central/dozens-attend-rally-to-oppose-rego-park-shelter/article_9c7f2ece-c3b5-11ee-b641-ff83d89598e1.html