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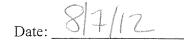
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Sleeping On My Shoes ... By Tami Miller

(Founder of State Street Family weekly Food Run meals and bimonthly Midnight Run personal item service.)

[Submitted to the Madison Common Council at its August 7, 2012 meeting, re: Item #110]

I recently got the opportunity to have a glimpse into another life. As a participant of the Street Pulse's "Sleep on the Street Retreat" this past weekend I slept, ate and lived on the street in Madison with some truly resilient people who are homeless. Rick, who was my primary host and guide, helped me navigate the city- what to do when and where... people and places that are safe, people and places to avoid.

We slept on the patch of grass in between the sidewalk in front of Fromagination and the Street directly across from the Capital. There were about 8 of us sleeping in that small area (most of whom were approximately 17-21)...I wondered with all the other vacant patches, why so many crammed into a few small spaces like that, later I realized... it's because there is safety in numbers.

Who are the homeless afraid of that they need to stay close together? Criminals? Gangs? Other homeless people? No, as I found out the two nights I slept there, they were afraid of young adults who, between sunset and bartime are extremely hostile and cruel to them. I was told to sleep on my shoes and backpack because people like to steal them and throw them in the lake or a dumpster to "mess" with homeless people. I thought, "Why would anyone want to mess with a homeless person?"

But as the night went on, I heard it...the snickers, jeering, the loud "OMG there are people SLEEPING THERE!!!"...then one man threw a full beer can at us, another threatened to "Piss" on us...the next night another guy said to his buddies while he was walking by "Hey, let's beat up some homeless people!"

My mind was spinning all night after that... just trying to understand why it's socially acceptable to not only be bigoted against someone who is homeless...but openly show willful acts of aggression and intimidation towards them as well?

I became aware of the stigma a homeless person encounters within the first 5 minutes of the "Sleep on the Street Retreat". On my lunch break at work I walked the 6 blocks to the retreat meeting point in Concrete Park at the top of State St. in my work clothes. As I walked, people smiled and made eye contact, some said "Hi" and nodded...3 hours later, when I was finished with work and was outfitted in older clothes and had my backpack and sleeping bag on my back I walked the same route...and NOT one person made eye contact...they looked away or looked through me- it felt so odd. Like I wasn't worth acknowledging...wasn't really there.

Did they think I would ask them for money? That I would hurt them? Steal from them simply because I looked poor....? I don't understand the reasoning behind that behavior either...

I was also told which stores and restaurants will "kick you out" if you try to use the bathroom, benches that you could sit on but not lay on...various odd ordinances you could get a citation for...

Not every encounter with a non-homeless person was like that- there were people who eventually did smile or make eye contact...there were the free meals in the different parks sponsored by churches or other organizations, the homeless-friendly spots that would allow us to use the bathroom without having to buy something. The places around town that you could take a shower, find a mirror and brush your teeth and hair, wash your face so you could feel some semblance of normalcy.

I also heard a lot of people's stories and feelings on how the shelters were to stay in. What the obstacles were to getting off the street...how they came to be homeless. I was able to convince a few to talk to me on video and share their opinions or story.

The more I learned about them, the more my desire to protect them and show them love and compassion grew. Was everyone's story one of perfect innocence? No, none of our stories are...that is a part of our humanity.

I talked to kids who got kicked out of their homes, people who got in trouble with the law, hardworking and educated adults who had owned businesses that went under and lost it all, people who had addictions that had tried various times to quit, but couldn't. People who were disabled, or mentally ill or got their hours at their job cut and just couldn't make rent anymore. They were 17 to 70 years old... they were Mothers, Fathers, Grandmothers, Grandfathers, Sons, Daughters, Brothers, Sisters...Friends-who found themselves out in the world without anything.

Many of them work, scavenge, volunteer, help other homeless people out who need looking after, rescue the birds who fly into the tall buildings ... and go about the daily business of trying to keep clean and find food, stay safe and make the best of things.

So what is my "take away" from this experience? I guess it would be to tell people this:

There is never ANY reason to avoid eye contact, shout "get a job!", mock, steal from, hurt or otherwise humiliate another human being.

Those who do this to people who are struggling to survive and have nothing are sick and wrong and I am ashamed to share a city with you. Bigotry, ignorance and cruelty should have no place in Madison, and I will do whatever I can to see that it stops. They deserve better than that ...

We all do.

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