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COVENANT HOUSE

Sleep Out
To Support Homeless Youth

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Schedule: November 16, 2017
• 7:30pm – Arrive for registration and tours
• 8:30pm – Testimonials & round-table discussions
• 10:30pm – Reflections
• 11:00pm – Sleep Out
• 6:00am – Light breakfast, reflections, departure

What will I need? To give up your bed for a night. We will provide a sleeping bag, a cardboard box, and a memorable experience.

Am I too old? Sleepers range in age from 34-80.

How much do I need to raise? We hope you will raise awareness by emailing at least 50 friends, and suggest a goal of raising $2,000 (minimum $1,000) for our returning sleepers and $1,000 (minimum $500) for our new sleepers. The average sleeper raised over $2,500 last year. We provide a personal webpage and all the tools/resources you need to reach your goal.

Our Goal
Spending the night on the sidewalk with nothing but a sleeping bag and a cardboard box is a small sacrifice that sends a powerful message to runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth - that we stand with them in their struggles, celebrate their courage and resiliency, and support their promise and dreams.

After five successful sleepouts, our goal for 2017 is to raise $470,000 and recruit 170 sleepers (one for every youth & child in our care).

To register: http://neworleans.thesleepout.org or rarnold@covenanthouse.org / 504-584-1141
“The stories you’ll hear from the young people - their successes and challenges - will inspire you.”

Philip Claverie, Sr.
Senior Partner, Phelps Dunbar
5-time sleeper, 2016 Co-Chair & Board Member

How We Help Runaway, Homeless, and At-Risk Youth in the New Orleans Area

Over a thousand youth receive our help each year. In addition to food, clothing and short & long-term housing, we provide medical & behavioral healthcare, individual & family counseling, job training & placement, educational assistance, life skills, and more.

Here are some of our accomplishments:

• **742** youth and children were saved from the streets and abusive, dysfunctional homes, including **405** in our Emergency Crisis Center.

• **95%** of our youth received mental and behavioral health services from our licensed counselors and a Tulane psychologist.

• **82%** of the kids in our Crisis Center found work or entered job training programs.

• **47%** of our Crisis Center youth successfully reunited with family, enrolled in transitional or supportive housing, or saved enough of their employment income to rent an apartment.

• **90%** of our “Rights of Passage” graduates secured a job and stable housing.

We depend on private donations for **79%** of our funding.
For 30 years, Covenant House has provided a safe haven for at-risk youth (ages 16-22), touching the lives of over 25,000 abused & neglected kids.

“Everyone of our kids is good and beautiful and brave.”
– James R. Kelly, Executive Director

In the past six years, our average daily census has increased from 45 to 159 kids per night – and we’ve recently been averaging over 170 per night.
“Sleeping Out is our way of saying: we’re on your side. You matter to us.”
Mark Romig
3-time sleeper

“Sleeping Out so kids don’t have to… pretty groovy.”
Liz Sloss
2014 Co-Chair
4-time sleeper & Board Member

“Sleeping Out is critically important for these kids – Covenant House is 83% privately funded.”
Judge Madeleine Landrieu
4th Circuit Court of Appeal
4-time sleeper & Board Chair

“My mom had a drug problem, and she left one day… Covenant House is a place where people care about you. It was the best move I ever made in my entire life.”
Irma London
Former resident, Costco Employee & Board Member

“Everyone is welcome. No one is ever turned away.”
Joseph Exnicios
President, Whitney Bank
5-time sleeper & 2015 Co-Chair
Blessed is he who … shepherds the weak through the valley of the darkness, for he is truly his brother’s keeper and the finder of lost children.

Ezekiel 25:17