

**Defects in the System**: lack of affordable housing, limited scale of housing assistance programs, lack in educational programs, lack of space in treatment facilities for persons suffering from mental illness or substance abuse, or preventative services that could help people to remain in their homes, institutional discharge, young adults aged out of foster care, people living in doubled up situations

#### NATIONAL LEVEL (via HUDs AHAR report):

- PIT: 649,917 homeless: 62% sheltered, 38% unsheltered (an increase by 2.8% from 2009)
- Veterans: 12%
- Chronically homeless: 109,812 individuals (17%)
- One year sheltered count: more than 1.59 million people spent at least 1 night in an emergency shelter or transitional housing program in 2010 (2.2% increase from 2009)
- Trend: greater increase of homelessness among persons with families (majority of them single moms with young children), especially in suburban and rural areas.
- California, New York and Florida accounted for 40% of the total homeless population on the night of the January PIT count.

# HOMELESS FACTS

#### **STATE LEVEL** (via DCF):

- Daily, nearly 60,000 Floridians (2/3 men, about 1/5 children) live on the streets or stay in emergency shelter (this count is more likely a gross underestimate of the actual number) = 3rd largest population of homeless persons of any state in the nation
- 12,249 military veterans were homeless in Florida in 2009, ranking Florida 2nd in the country for the number of homeless veterans (13.3% of the homeless population)
- Trend: families with children are the fastest growing segment for those who are homeless (with an increase of over 30% in just 3 years)
- Florida's local CoC's are now very competitive and successful in securing federal grants, reaching \$80 million in 2010.



#### NORTHEAST FLORIDA:

- 4,000 homeless men, women and children
- Duval County: greater than 3,000 homeless and only 800 beds
- Homelessness has increases 33% in Jacksonville over the past year (City Rescue Mission homepage)





When we pass the homeless on the street what happens?
We rush on by because we have misconceptions about them. We say to ourselves, "Are they really homeless?
Will they just use the money I give them for alcohol or drugs?" We think

several angles: through the compassionate eyes of a young woman who falls in love with a struggling homeless musician, through the jaundiced eyes of her hardworking (and hard-nosed) grandfather, and through the weary eyes of those living on the streets. Citrone and White hope to shine a light on the many reasons for homelessness beyond society's simplified version that casts the country's homeless -- nearly 700,000 people -- as drunken, drug-addled victims of their own irresponsibility. The message will be subtly woven into a gritty love story in which the protagonists try desperately to cross a raging gulf of classism and prejudice.

that they could get a job if they really wanted to. Now think to yourself, "Could I ever be homeless?" As we continue to see the job market decline, reductions in monthly income account for an increase in the number of homeless populating the streets. What happens when an earthquake strikes? There were 215,000 homeless and millions without water after Japan's massive quake. How about a bad storm? Hurricane Katrina made over 10,000 people homeless in New Orleans alone! The USA TODAY reports that 1 in 4 homeless people are veterans. Additionally, women and children comprise a greater proportion of the homeless population.

The purpose for writing this musical started with my encounter with a homeless man I knew in his previous life. Several years ago I had a client who was a chef at a local restaurant. He was making good money. He had a wife, kids and a nice home. As the restaurant started to fail, he lost his job. I later heard his wife had left him. About 6 months later I was walking in downtown Jacksonville, and I saw him. The clean-shaven man I once knew was sitting on a bench, shaking, talking to himself. He now had a long beard, wore mismatched clothes, and looked drained.

This touched me personally. Since I always wrote poetry growing up, I began writing a poem about my experiences with and feelings on homelessness. The poem turned into a song, which turned into multiple songs, which flourished into a musical script. In December I hired John Citrone, who is a very talented musician, editor, playwright, director, actor and composer, as a collaborator, script editor and music composer. John will continue on as the music director. I hired Sam Fisher as the Director and I am looking forward to continue watching as this project comes together.

# I have been fortunate to have support from great people in the community to help make this happen.

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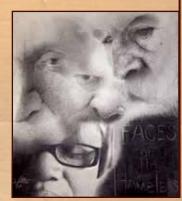
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Homelessness remains an ongoing tragedy that affects every community; homelessness befalls people of all genders, races and ages

Many have asked how they can be a part of this project. If you are interested in serving in any fashion, let me know. We will be reaching out to others in the community as we plan for the next stages of this project. We have had a lot of interest in other communities so far. My initial plan is for this Musical to travel around the country raising money and awareness for homelessness outreach organizations while continuing to raise money for our Jacksonville nonprofits.

Again,Ithankyouforyoursupport. For more information, please visit www.itsanothersign.com



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- Photo with the cast
- Invitation to deliver a welcome message to the audience on stage the night of your performance
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