“Student Poverty and Homelessness” Database

Thanks to Cheryl Kohen’s tireless semester-long efforts, DSC now has a database dedicated solely to issues relating to homelessness. The site includes articles, websites, resources, and other information and is accessible via the library’s InfoGuides homepage:

http://library.daytonastate.edu/homelessness

Hope Place (See “Volusia Obligates $12 Million to Shelters” attached.)

The county council this week approved additional funds for Hope Place to install a sprinkler system and to cover operating costs. According to the April 16 edition of The Daytona Beach News-Journal, Hope Place Operations Director Anne Evans announced the opening date for the family shelter has been pushed back to December or January (Zaffiro-Kean A5).

This means the agreement between Halifax Urban Ministries and the College in which HUM would provide temporary emergency shelter for (a) DSC student(s) facing a housing crisis will not be in effect until, probably, early 2018. Also, HUM has made the same agreement with the Daytona Beach Police Department to provide similar accommodations—when space is available. The need to provide emergency shelter for our students in crisis remains critical.

Homegrown Help

Paul Tomazin (a.k.a. “The Barefoot Farmer” https://youtu.be/gzpeY0fV0FE) has expressed enthusiasm for working with DSC to help address hunger and food insecurity on campus and the community. After the spring (busy) season concludes, he has agreed to meet with the Hunger and Homelessness Committee this summer to discuss the possibility of featuring a regularly-scheduled farmer’s market on the Daytona campus, as well as, perhaps, establishing a sustainable food garden.

http://www.aashe.org/campus-gardens-growing-trend-campus-sustainability/

Thanks to Erin LeDuc and Beth Hoodiman

In a conference with a faculty member, a student yesterday shared that he has been homeless for much of this semester, recently sleeping behind the News-Journal offices on 6th Street while taking five classes at the Daytona campus. The student further revealed that the Center for Women and Men had been helping him a lot this term, providing hotel stays, food, toiletries, and even a work-study position. Once again, Erin LeDuc contacted Beth Hoodiman, who provided a one-night emergency hotel voucher for the night.