



# ST. STEPHEN'S

Ending Homelessness

## A DAY IN THE LIFE

**Thank you** for your interest in learning about homelessness and extreme poverty in our community.

**What?** A Day in the Life is an educational walking tour led by community educators who have experienced homelessness. Tour participants visit shelters, drop-in centers, and other service centers during the day; groups will eat lunch at one of the afternoon sites. A Day in the Life participants will also spend time engaging in conversations with individuals who have experienced homelessness in order to gain an understanding of their challenges, successes, and perspectives. Tour participants may encounter viewpoints or situations that are challenging or uncomfortable. Not all views will reflect the philosophy or practices of St. Stephen's Human Services, but are nonetheless an important part of the A Day in the Life experience.

**When?** Experiences are scheduled Monday - Thursday. Tours are not available on Friday. Full-day tours take place from 9am-5pm. Half-day tours are four hours long and commonly take place from 9am-1pm.

**Who?** A group should consist of approximately 8 to 16 people. The party will be split into smaller groups of 3-6 people to visit various sites around Hennepin County. All small tour groups reconvene at the end of the day. *\*\*Groups with individuals under the age of 18 are required to bring an adult chaperone to accompany each small group; this usually equates to one chaperone per every four/five young people.*

**Where?** Attendees will gather at St. Stephen's shelter at 2211 Clinton Ave S., Minneapolis, MN 55404. Free parking is available on the street or in the small parking lot located between St. Stephen's Church and St. Stephen's Shelter. Please note that the shelter entrance is not well marked; ring the buzzer next to the bright blue door in the corner of the parking lot to enter the building.

**Cost?** The full-day tour (9am-5pm) is \$75 per person. The half-day tour (9am-1pm) is \$40 per person. Groups can pay by cash or check. If paying by check, please make payable to St. Stephen's Human Services, and include "ADITL + the date of your tour" in the memo. Groups can pay the day of the tour, or an invoice can be sent afterward. *\*\*We will bill for the number of participants listed on the registration form; if additional participants attend above the number on the registration form, we will bill for the additional participants.*

**What to bring?** A water bottle (optional), walking shoes, and weather-appropriate clothing; tours take place during all seasons and in all weather conditions. We ask that all participants attend with an inquisitive and open mind.

**Additional Information.** Half-day tours walk approximately 2-4 miles; full-day tours walk approximately 4-7 miles. During certain tours, groups will use vehicles or public transportation to get to different sites.

Tour groups that participate in the full-day experience will debrief for one hour at the end of the day. Half-day tours are encouraged to debrief independently; debriefing materials are available upon request.

**Register and Questions.** Please contact Tess Ajax at St. Stephen's Human Services at 612.481.9501 or [TAjax@StStephensMPLS.org](mailto:TAjax@StStephensMPLS.org) to schedule an experience or with any questions about A Day in the Life.