Homelessness Essay
The World of Hobos

Hobos! Your first thought would probably be “Say, What?” or “Wah?”. Then you might be imagining what a hobo might be like. Some people may think of them as broke bums who stay behind a Dunkin’ Donuts or in front of a 7-11. Others may think hobos as awesome and cuddly people who are there for our entertainment, begging for cash. The reality is that they’re really people like you and me, misunderstood and treated unfairly by society. One simple thing to solve this is to create more homeless shelters in Boston. Little do you know that it could create less crime, provide jobs for many, and how we could all easily become homeless in a second.

Now, I know you are probably wondering what crime has to do with a homeless shelter. The truth is that like any person, homeless people can get fed up with asking for money and can resort to more desperate measures. Valuables and food can be stolen for money or survival. So, like any robbery, police will have to respond which can distract them from doing other important things. Shelters come in to this because when people are taken in, they are usually supplied with most things needed for living, such
as a bed and food. This means that there is less need for hobos or the homeless to steal necessities.

Another cause of crime increase and people being homeless is because of job loss. When people see tattered clothed, homeless people, folks can usually jump to thinking that they were just fools that gambled too much (even I used to think that). If you think about it, though, what the Massachusetts economy is like, it would not be surprising for someone to lose a job. This can force someone to sell or just lose their house completely. However, with more shelters, it gives these people somewhere to go where they can start small jobs to save money and get back on their feet.

Still, after all this, we’ve been talking about other people, but what about right now. What I’m talking about is you, yourself, and how we could all be homeless in a second. Plus, adults, what if you had children? Sure, I bet a fully-grown adult would know how to take care of themselves for a while on the street, but a child or a baby would have no means to keep themselves warm or know how to search for food. The situation could even
lead to illness and with no money, little kids can die if left with an untreated illness.

So, this would be why and how shelters can benefit you, and maybe next time you see someone out, homeless, on the street, you might realize that could someday be a neighbor, a friend, or you! Even now, while you’re reading this, a shelter in the world could be helping someone get their life back. So, what are you waiting for? Now that you know about these reasons, you can try help make more shelters in Boston and give more people a chance. For all you know, you could be helping someone that could be the world’s next Bill Gates!