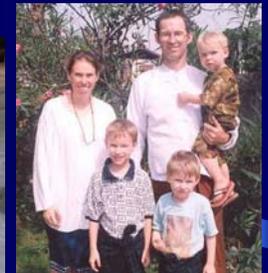
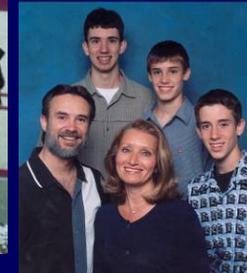






Church Ministry



Community Organizing

Monthly meeting of community residents, police and others to improve safety and health



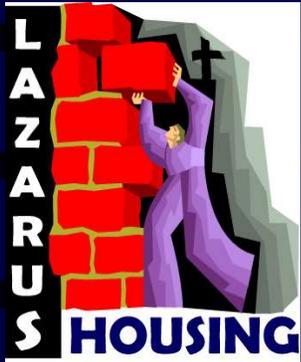
Community Voicemail

2,500 personal free voice mailboxes / Distributed via 32 community agencies



A context for worship

- John M King School
- Gordon Bell High School
- Opportunities for Employment
- West Central Network
- Child & Family Services
- West End C.I.A.
- Family Community Centre
- Connect 2 Voice Mail Project
- West Central Women's Project
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Residential Tenancies
- Addictions Foundation
- Winnipeg Harvest
- Spence Neighborhood Association
- Marymound
- Winnipeg Coalition on Homelessness
- Village Clinic / Nine Circles
- United Way
- National Self-help Housing Coalition
- Spence Housing Coalition
- Sherbrook Sharks Swim Club
- Community Police Office
- Winnipeg Housing Rehab
- Youth With A Mission
- Crisis Pregnancy Centre
- Pregnancy Distress Service
- Living Bible Explorers
- Manitoba Baptist Executive
- Salvation Army Justice Committee
- John Schools
- Love-N-Care Ministries
- NAB Regional Leadership Team
- *And others I'm sure I forgot...*



Renovating homes for ownership

Over 22 homes renovated for resale



Transitional Housing Ministry

100 units of rental, transitional and emergency shelter



Rental Issues...

Changes needed to Residential Tenancy legislation



Building Code Issues

The NEW code is unrealistic for stressed 100 year old homes

Involvement implies risk...

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 Rev. Harry Lebowitz

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"Johnny's" License Plate?



Our neighborhood is getting better, and part of that is a "zero-tolerance" attitude to crime. As a community service, we are starting to publish license plate numbers of cars which appear to have been used to pick up, or cruise for, known prostitutes in our neighbourhood.

We are not accusing people of any criminal activity, but want to let owners of vehicles know what their car has been used for in our area. We don't even assume that the driver of the vehicle is the registered owner - but the owner should be notified that the actions of the people using the car may lead to police impounding of the vehicle or other problems. We believe the owners should be warned how their car is being used! The information will be collected only by people trained and designated to patrol the area.

We are also working with police to have notices of our concern delivered to homes of the registered owners of the vehicles. Residents here have requested that at least some of the notices be delivered in the Police "ANTI-PROSTITUTION" van.

PERSISTENT PERVERT ALERT:

Aman in a dark car (license EDG 085) persistently tried to pick up a high school student. The mom of this girl almost caught him! Rumor has it that if this car shows up in the area again, it may be "decorated" in unwanted ways.

Vehicles seen making short "visits" to houses under surveillance for suspected crack dealing & prostitution:

- D-44475 White Tempest - behind a Maryland house - 10/18
- D-46407 Pickup truck - behind a Furby house - 9/15 - 4:20am
- DCH-991 Blue Neon on a Sunday all behind a Maryland house - 8/4

These are onto "dealer's" plates! Is the "dealer" okay with his plates being used?

Grey Sports Utility Vehicle (License "STOREY")

Driver seen picking up local prostitute at McGee & Ellice (9/18 - 6:40pm)
 Did you borrow that car? Do your family and co-workers know? You seem to be a regular cruising around here - what exactly is your problem?

AAG 419 (Green car, older man) - Yesterday you were observed picking up a hooker in your car. When you realized you were being watched & your license recorded, you made her get out and tried to explain. Problem is, the "bunk" you were going to has been closed for about 8 years.

DEJ 723 / Cruising Minivan (circled in the area at least 6-7 times) - Friday early evening July 27
 You seemed pretty nervous when I knocked on your window. You were observed turning down Toronto, and coming back to meet a prostitute at that corner.

ALERT!!!! - While we are collecting video of prostitution and drug transactions for eventual posting on the Internet - we DO NOT bribe people by offering to delete their video or license plates for money. That is bribery and we will do all we can to encourage prosecution of the jerk that's phoning people at home to blackmail them - claiming to be part of a community group. It's more likely that he's some scuzzy pimp or dealer getting even more greedy! Please call us if someone has attempted to bribe you in this manner.

- DEX 685 Jeep - 7:17 hooker pickup
- OCY 741 Gemini logo on pickup 12:40 on 7/15 hooker pickup
- AJF 808 reddish Jeep Cherokee 3:35 on 7/15 hooker pickup
- AJB 877 white car in hurry to pick up hooker on Ellice 7/16, 1:50am
- D47 517 Silver Toyota - behind church on Maryland, abusive 7/11
- ANZ 545 White Ford - hooker pickup 7/9
- DCB 603 Black Pickup - hooker dropoff on McGee 5:30am August 2
- DGY 308 Gold VW Beetle - guy & hooker parked on McGee and truck off to suspected drug house on Maryland - caught ya!! - August 27, 6pm
- BWV 156 - Friday early morning - Maan, what were you dripping off?

- BHX 686 - White Pontiac Lumina - late hooker pickup
- BYJ 127 Grey van - 2 hookers picked up - Ellice & Toronto 2:11 1pm
- BNK 299 Grey car - hooker pickup - Ellice & McGee 2:2 9:15pm
- AMP 801 Red pickup - hooker pickup - Ellice & Furby 12/18 3:40pm
- ACZ 707 Black truck - Ellice & Maryland - hooker pickup
- BXZ 275 Red pickup - hooker pickup - Ellice near Toronto 11/1 1:30pm
- AYM 125 Blue Sunbird - hooker pickup - Ellice & Langside 10/16
- BZC 800 Blue minivan - 3 males pick up 1 hooker - Ellice & McGee 10/13
- SNW 352 Blue 4x4 GMC - hooker pickup - Ellice & Langside 10/12
- B8G 409 White Toyota - hooker pickup - Ellice & McGee 10/6
- BCG 705 Red Honda - hooker pickup - Ellice & McGee 10/5 10:20pm
- Al/V 627 Maroon Toyota Van - hooker pickup - McGee & Ellice 10/5
- BHC 293 Grey Ford 1/2 ton - hooker pickup - McGee & Ellice 10/2/00
- BCJ 319 Black Jeep - hooker pickup - McGee & Ellice 9/29
- AMD 633 Green Minivan - hooker serviced him! - McGee near Ellice

Dear Crack,

I f----- hate you.

You destroyed me mentally, physically and emotionally.

You made all the good in my life turn bad.

You had me convinced that you were my best friend

and you could take away all my problems

when actually you made everything worse.

You starved me, destroyed my heart and

left me going for days without sleep.

I liked you because you made me feel numb in and out.

You never cared how I felt before or after the high.

All you wanted was my life.

I thought you were my friend, but you were slowly killing me.

I lived for you. I honestly f----- hate you.

You should just stay away and leave people alone.

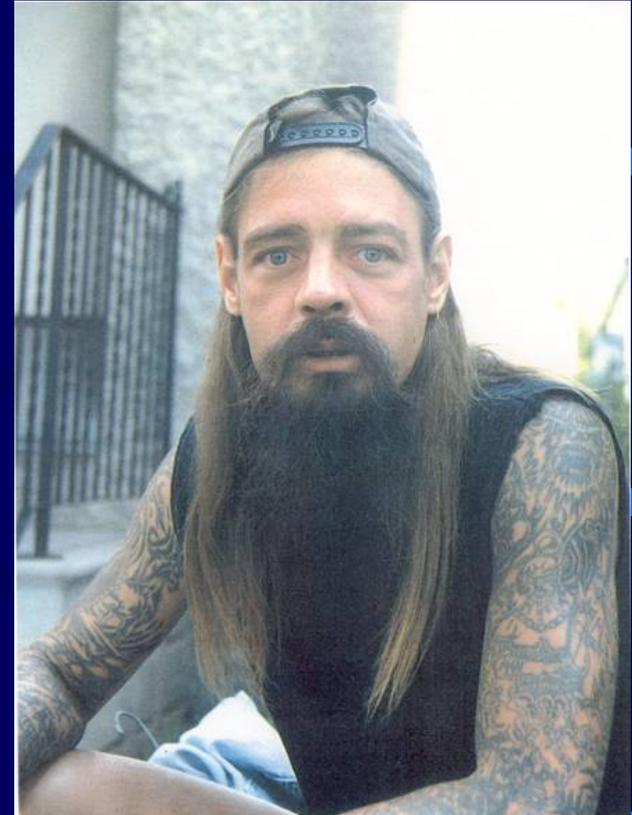
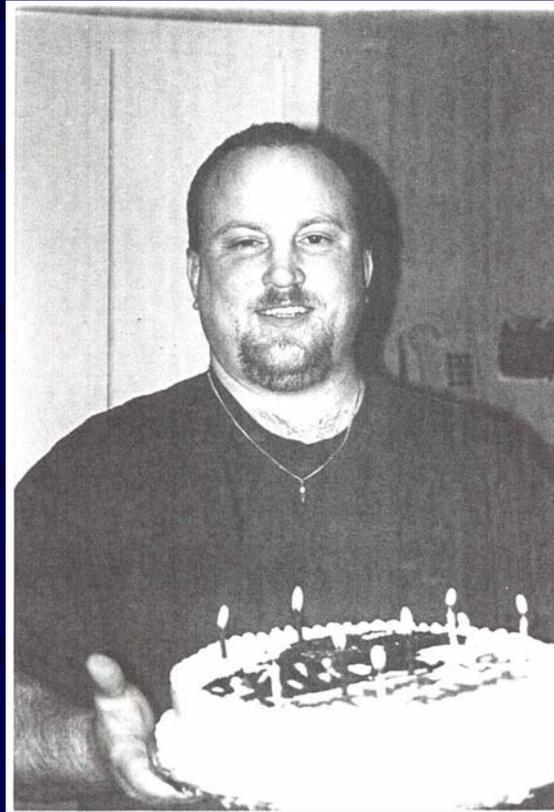
Involvement requires creativity...

ALERT!!



This man has been seen sneaking around Langside Street & has bothered a woman & some children.

If you see him, get a good description of him (clothes & vehicle) & phone Harry (775-4929) or Larry (775-9147) immediately to tell us where & when you saw him. You can also tell him to phone us for some important personal information.



Learning limits / Facing frustrations

Balancing guilt, hurts, fear and hope



- *You help inner-city revitalization by bringing your friends to eat at our café & theatre.*
- It's our church kitchen built off site (more accessible, job creation, and subsidizes some food service to people in our transitional housing).
- Supports and sustains our community work without government grants & strings.
- *Seeking corporate sponsorships for a month of theatre programming. Ads before shows...*





Sharing the news

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2001 ■ WINNIPEG, SUN, 33

Please give me a call! I was in the Sateway parking lot and I saw someone die. I don't know the name but I think he may have been a member of your church."

That was the message on my answering machine last week. I reviewed it several times before talking to the woman who had called.

She described the person she saw and figured since he had a religious button on his jacket he might be attending our church.

She was quite concerned that we discover the identity of this man and try to ensure he would be honoured with a proper funeral service.

"It's a weird thing to die in the parking lot of a grocery store, with so many people around, but nobody knows your name," she said.

Several passersby rushed to get help for the man who seemed to have suffered a heart attack or seizure.

It was evident to those caring bystanders the ambulance attendants were unable to revive him.

The woman on the phone said she didn't get much sleep that night.

I told her I would do my best to find out who it was.

Later in the day, I discovered that the person who passed away in the parking lot was John.

He didn't attend our church, but he was a resident of one of our renovated neighbourhood apartments.



HARRY LEHOTSKY Winnipeg writer

Small, simple apartment was home, sweet home

John moved in almost a year ago. A friend heard about our Taurus Housing renovation project and called to try to secure a place for John.

"He's about 50 years old. He's a really nice guy but gets stuck in one hell-hole after another since that's all he can afford. I really hope you can find him a better place."

His present accommodations had some twenty fellow tenants, mice, a plumbing leak in the ceiling and a wasp nest in the wall. Sleeping was hard, anticipating the next disturbance from tenants, wasp sting or mouse sighting.

Calls like this come several times a week. People tired of mice, roaches, leaky plumbing. Tired of rowdy neighbours, absentee landlords, neglected buildings.

I know the issues aren't simple. I don't blame everything on landlords. I've met more slum tenants than slum landlords. But it's usually the slum landlords who get all the press-

ing. He would help when ever he was able and always had a word of encouragement for others.

Many landlords are in over their heads. Their inability to manage tenants or properly care for buildings causes much stress for older neighbours like ours.

There comes a time when people here don't distinguish between landlords who are unable and those who are unwilling to do better.

The end result can be the same — for the tenants as well as the buildings.

John came to check out a little bachelor apartment. He was thrilled with what he saw and wanted to move in right away. Like many others, he came in with few of his own possessions, so we furnished the apartment with quality donated furniture and kitchen supplies.

John was receiving social assistance, due to a long-term disability.

Despite the pain caused by his medical problems, he was always gracious and cheerful with the other tenants in the build-

ing. He would help when ever he was able and always had a word of encouragement for others.

The day before the funeral, his brother came to collect John's belongings. As we entered John's room, he looked around and said, "John loved this place. It was like a palace compared to the other places he stayed. I'm glad that for the last year of his life he had a good place. Thanks."

His eyes welled with tears as he reflected on the loss of his only brother.

Housing, safety, and assistance have become more than "issues" to me.

I see faces. I hear stories. Talking to John's brother reminded me that inner-city revitalization is about more than the renovation of buildings and tinkering with policies.

It's about doing our best for people like John. He, in turn, gave his best to others. His smiles and encouragement were as important to others as our renovations were to him.

We miss John but we get some comfort from knowing he's moved on to a place much better than any we could provide.

Sometimes new is moving into his apartment this week. We already know she'll be a great neighbour. She's also thrilled about the great taste of amenities — a safe and clean place to live.

Rev. Harry Lehotsky is the founder of New Life Ministries on Harbourside Street.



CBC television





3 R's of Community Development

RELOCATION...

- **Living among the poor:** There's a difference between working with the poor and living with the poor. It's the difference between short spurts of scheduled, controlled ministry and sustained realistic relationship. It's the difference between feeling you're a hero and knowing you're not.

RECONCILIATION...

- **People to God / Neighbor to Neighbor:** Reconciliation is the goal even when conflict is necessary. Christian community development is concerned with reconciliation to God, to their environment & each other...

REDISTRIBUTION...

- **The presence of a "cheerful giver":** This is both more intentional & relational than taxation or delegation. We share our lives (ourselves & our families) instead of just some of our resources

- Outline from John Perkins (*Restoring At-Risk Communities*) Baker 1995

Isaiah 58:9 " ...If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, ¹⁰ and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

¹² Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings."



Revitalization: concrete & symbolic



- Many buildings we renovate were symbols of much that is wrong with the community (drugs, violence, prostitution, slum landlords, etc.).
- Doing the "impossible" with buildings opens the door for more "impossible" changes and earns a hearing for a more personal message of hope.



Things that haven't helped...



Unrealistic rental allowance
for social assistance

Lack of accountability
for habitually
disruptive and destructive
social assistance clients

Blanket rent-control legislation hasn't helped...
...but objections haven't changed things either

*We need some agreement on ways to keep some housing
affordable – maybe rent control can be restricted to
housing which has received any government funding*

Why do we call it "social welfare?"



- It seems that "social welfare" has been reduced to "a worker and a cheque" with little to no apparent concern for whether that cheque is being used in destructive ways

- "Social Assistance" thus becomes "anti-social assistance."
- The term "Welfare" becomes a misnomer.

Why are people poor?

OPPRESSION: Someone else's fault...

- Amos 4:1 Hear this word, you cows of Bashan on Mount Samaria, you women who oppress the poor and crush the needy and say to your husbands, "Bring us some drinks!"

CALAMITY: No one else's fault...

- JOB 2:11 When Job's three friends heard about all the troubles that had come upon him, they set out from their homes and met together by agreement to go and sympathize with him and comfort him.

BAD CHOICES: Our own fault...

- Proverbs 23:20-21 Do not join those who drink too much wine or gorge themselves on meat, for drunkards and gluttons become poor, and drowsiness clothes them in rags.

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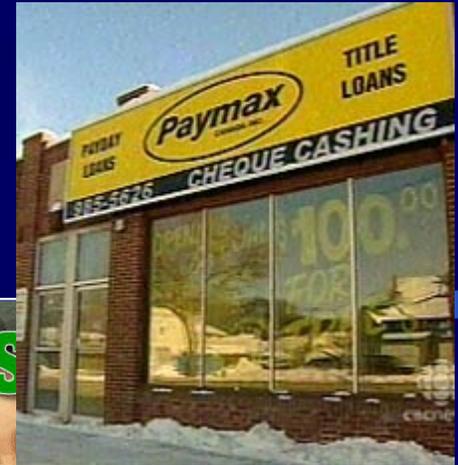
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CALAMITY: No one else's fault...

BAD CHOICES: Our own fault...

- The question is not whether some are more or less deserving of our help – but understanding the specific causes of poverty is essential to determine the best and most appropriate way to help an individual or family.
- Personalization is essential to avoid erroneous oversimplifications about poverty (i.e., “all the poor are lazy,” “all the poor are eager to work,” etc...).
- Simplifications like “poverty causes crime” ignores the reality of wealthy crooks or the fact that most poor people are not criminals. Selfishness causes crime.

Big banks or small business?



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Partnering with
local businesses
& workers

Their profit is
our benefit



Gangs & gang hype

- The media hype feeds the problems of “identity, belonging, intimidation, competition...”
- Gang awareness workshops usually more disempowering than empowering
- Gang outreach activities are usually led by ex-gangsters that are too fresh from the lifestyle and can't role model much because they haven't done much beyond becoming “outreach” workers





Criminal & Civil Problems



West End
Community Improvement Association
www.geocities.com/wccia

Movings hosted by New Life Ministries
514 Maryland St R/G IMS / 775-4929
Car boundaries:
North (New Dam) / South (Preston)
East (Rubens) / West (Argona)

Reporting the FACTS on drug & sniff houses

Normally, the things that people do in their own homes are none of our business. But there are some homes that cause so much trouble, traffic, noise & disturbances that they become a nuisance to people, homes & businesses all around them. It may be a drug or sniff house.

If you have a house like that near you, this is the kind of information which will help you when making a report to law enforcement or community groups like the West End CIA.

Drug sellers
Specific description

- Name _____
- Race _____
- Sex _____
- Age _____
- Height & weight _____
- Hair _____
- Complexion _____
- Clothes _____
- Distinct features (imp. beard, tattoos, etc.) _____

Dealer/Supplier
Details about the car or mode of transit

- Make, color, marks: _____
- 2 or 4 door _____
- Car license _____
- Taxi Cab # _____
- Other _____

Drug buyers
General characteristics

- Age range _____
- Races _____
- Clothes _____
- Male or female _____
- Prostitutes? _____



Building or House
General description

- Address & color _____
- Siding, brick, stucco _____
- Security system _____
- Type (apartment, rooming house, duplex, business, home) _____

Windows

- Used as lookout? _____
- Blocked? (plastic...) _____

Light

- Used as signal? _____
- Some knocked out? _____

Around the house

- Lookouts? _____
- Trash (needles, condoms) _____
- Parked cars _____
- Dogs _____
- Weapons _____
- Children _____
- Other _____

Times of Activity
Heaviest time that buyers visit

- Times of the day _____
- Times of the month _____

Buyer Approach
Where do drug buyers park their cars or where do walkers come from?

- Parking: front, back, down the street, cab? _____
- Walk: (out through yard, back lane...) _____

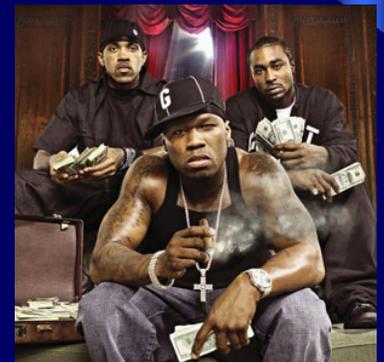
Buyer Transaction
Where & how buyers enter:

- Door (front, back or side; up-stairs or down) _____
- Which window _____
- Signals (knock, call, etc.) _____
- Pickup / stash elsewhere? _____

Contact Numbers for Concerns:
Criminal Acts — Emergency: 911 / Police non-emergency: 986-6222 / Vice: 986-6276
Nuisance related to the above — Safety Communities: 943-3475
Building & Environmental — Health Department: 986-2443 / Unsafe: 986-5300
Children living there? — Child & Family Services: 944-4200 / nights: 944-4050

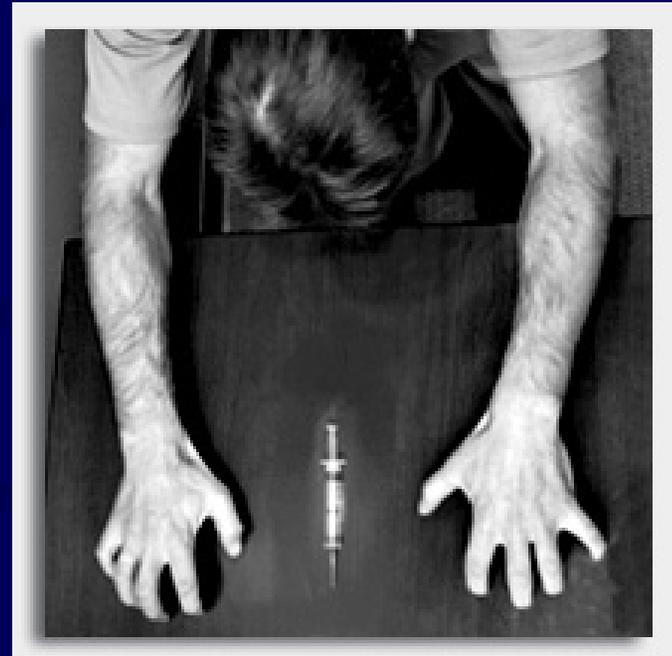
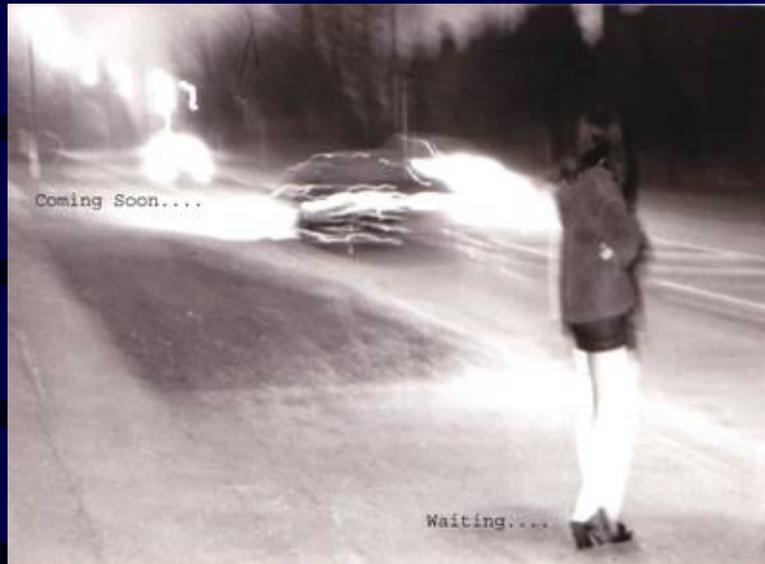
Attend our meetings!
The last Wednesday of every month - 7pm at 514 Maryland

- Civil disrespect precedes criminal disrespect
- Criminal law is not enough to restore order to chaotic communities – standards of evidence require expensive & lengthy investigations & court processes.
- Criminal behavior usually causes civil disruption. Civil legislation has quicker consequences with different standards of evidence. Quicker & broader action inspires more confidence in community, breaking fear of criminals and cynicism about the criminal law process.



Can't beat them – join them?

Prevention Robs Treatment?



Nothing wrong with concept of reducing harm
unless it facilitates surrender, enables addiction
or
replaces treatment and intervention funding

Zoning & Licensing...

- "Lead us not into temptation..."
- Pawn shops, licensed clubs, arcades, massage & escort (entrench & profit from serious social problems)
- Density & proximity impacts ability to diversify business base





Principles of Urban Planning...

- "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil..." (Matthew 6:13)

Acknowledge our vulnerability to exploitation of our weaknesses

- "...Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10)

Work backward from a vision of health vs forward from pathology

- "The leaders of the people settled in Jerusalem, and the rest of the people cast lots to bring one out of every ten to live in Jerusalem ... The people commended all the men who volunteered to live in Jerusalem. (Nehemiah 11:1-2)

Importance of personal example & vested interest



Principles of Urban Planning...

- "Don't be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to his pathology will reap destruction... Let us not become weary in doing good for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:7-9)

You get what you plan for, plus what you allow

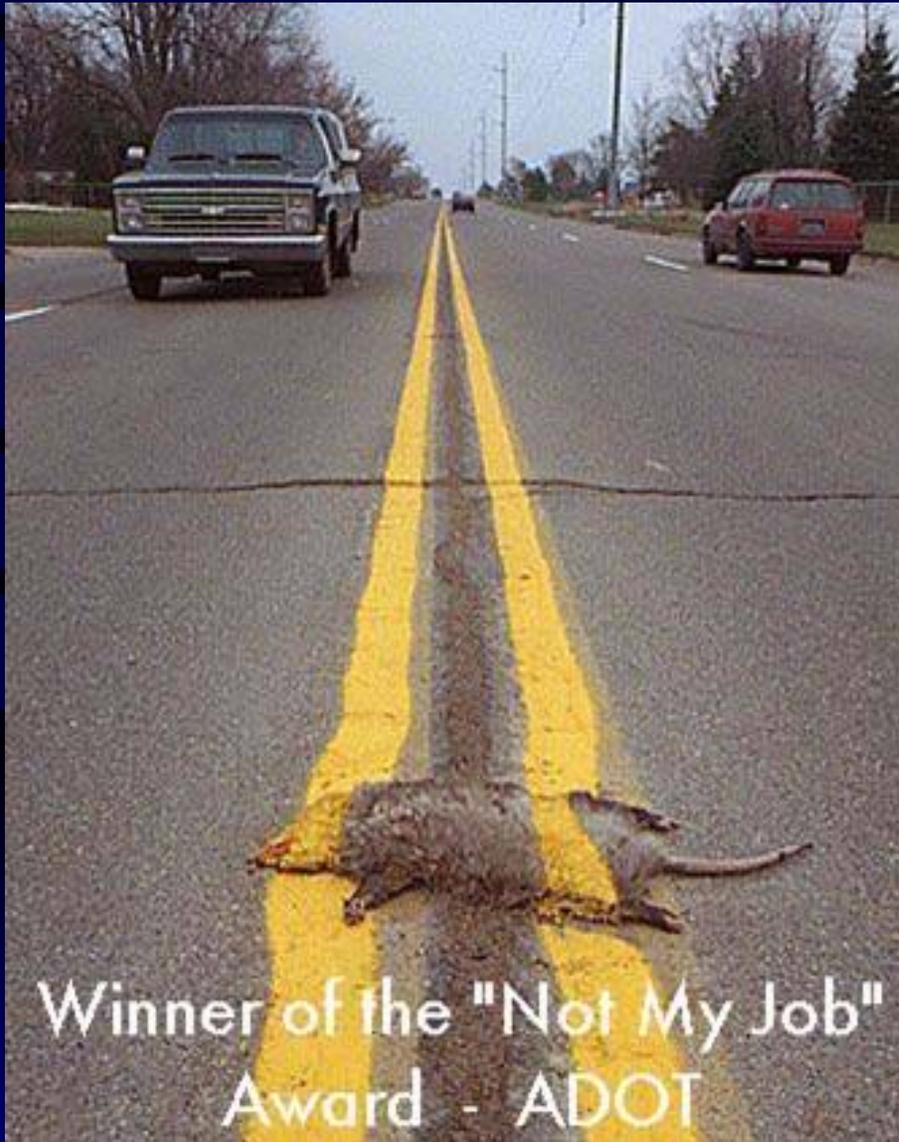
- So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you (Matthew 7:12)

Proactive vs passive

- "Everything is permissible" – but not everything is beneficial.
"Everything is permissible" – but not everything is constructive."
(1 Corinthians 10:23-24)

**Just because something can't be condemned
doesn't mean it's good**

"It's not my job?"



- Too many people are too good at telling you what they can't do and why they can't help you.
- Governments play the game (City points to Province, Province points to Feds, etc...). So do many others...
- We need more people proactively asking what they can do to improve the situation

Politicization & segregation of social services



Proposal Fund Allocation Committee
'alleviating homelessness through community partnerships'



Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre Inc.
"We all work together to help one another"

Nothing wrong with concept of integration
or culturally appropriate programming
but separate delivery systems
can promote segregation & stereotypes while reducing
potential for accountability & cooperative integration

Accountability of social services



Social Planning Council of Winnipeg

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- Social agencies are clear that other sectors cannot be their own watchdogs but the “research groups” that evaluate social programming are primarily comprised of reps from social agencies
- We need to involve “stakeholders” beyond the social services sector
- Best practices should be rewarded – worst practices discouraged (even if it’s our “buddies” or some of the longstanding existing recipients of funding). In social services efficiency & results should trump seniority or political favoritism.
- Break up the social service equivalent of “insider trading” and the way the same players continually rotate seats on each other’s boards, stacking meetings, locking new groups out of the process that could do more with less cost – which could also bring new strategies for sustainability.

“Capacity Building – Myths & Realities



- Whose capacity is being developed? On what is this capacity developed? Have the targets of the capacity development efforts demonstrated capacity to manage their own lives before talking about managing the development of the larger community?
- Does the “building new capacity” require disrespect to existing and unfunded grassroots capacity?
- Do the capacity “builders” practice what they preach – sustainability, work themselves out of a job, etc...?

Truth in Advertising

Government policy often gets hijacked in implementation

Give the bureaucracy the tools to defend the integrity of the program

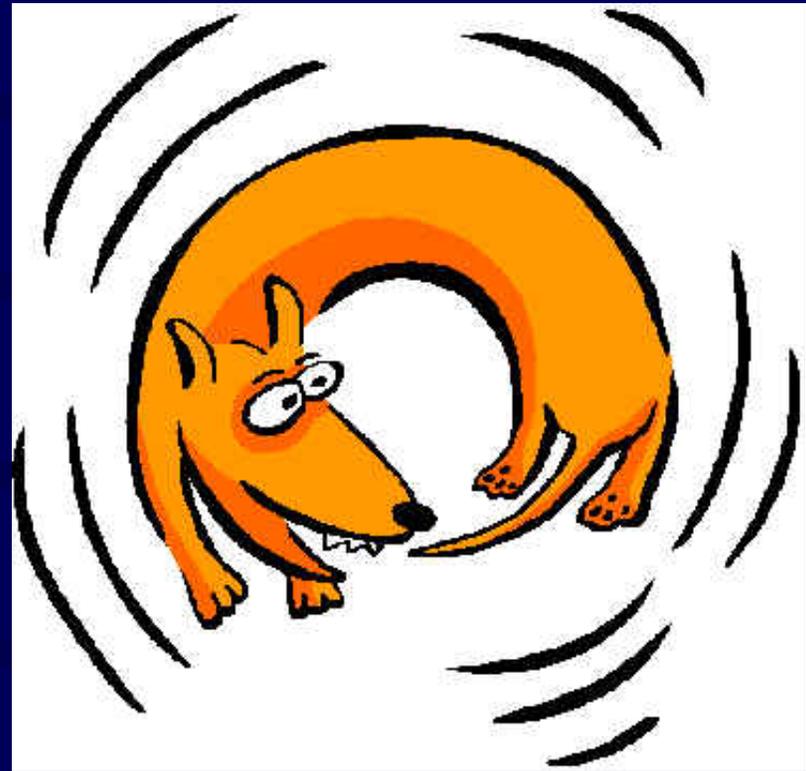
Reward those who work effectively with those tools (both in bureaucracy and in the community)



Results
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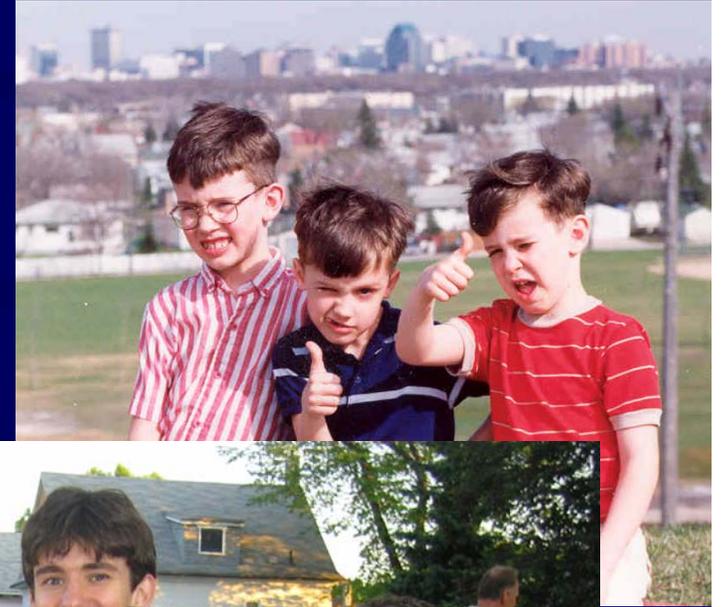
VS.

Process
Oriented



Beware of getting stuck with policies and programs that elevate process over results.

Caring about the needy means serving them with results, not serving ourselves with redundant or inefficient processes.



“Those who are too timid to embark in some venture of love are finally left on the desert shores of a life without interest or hope. We never live so intensely as when we love strongly...”

To understand things and people, we must love them.”

- Walter Rauschenbusch -