



THE CREATIVE COMMUNITY FOR NON-VIOLENCE

MY LIFE OF HOMELESSNESS

The C.C.N.V. Homeless Shelter is located at 425 2nd St N.W. in Washington D.C. It is also known by many homeless people as the 2nd & D St Homeless Shelter. C.C.N.V. is the largest homeless shelter in the D.C. Metropolitan Area, housing over 800 men and women. I spent about four years of my life in this place. I met people who have been living here for over 20 years. Sadly enough, I've seen people die here in their bed bug infested beds. It is the only shelter in Washington D.C., where a homeless person can have the freedom to come and go as they please, as long as they make the 2:00 am curfew. You have a standing wall locker, and a horizontal bed locker, that slides under your bed, however, the shelter policy, strictly enforces the excess property rules. There are anywhere from 4 to as many as 8 people sleeping in one cubicle area, which are sectioned off with partitions. Neatness, and cleanliness is a must. The shelter has had an on going war with Bedbugs for years, some cubes are bedbug free, and the residents in that cube want it to stay that