

# The Hope and the Dream

Honor, dignity, and self-respect are virtues that give us reason to be proud. They form the foundation upon which courage and resilience are built. We must nurture these qualities each day, for without them our sense of worth can quickly erode.

These moral qualities guide how we think, the choices we make, and the way we respond to the world around us. At their core, they shape both our thoughts and actions. Yet these virtues are not reserved for individuals alone; they belong to towns, cities, states, and nations. They belong to all of us.

If we, as a nation, fail to rise to these higher virtues, the actions of our government will inevitably reflect those vices, and they will shape how important decisions and policies are made.

How is it that billions of dollars are directed to people in foreign countries without first addressing the needs of less fortunate Americans within our own borders? Some of these global expenditures are misguided and subject to corruption, negligence, and waste, all while the plight of the homeless here at home goes unanswered.

What drives these foreign policies? Strategic self-interest? Economic advantage? While such motives may provide rational explanations, they fail to meet the government's fundamental responsibility to its own people. A nation founded by the people, for the people must care for its citizens first. Humanitarianism, above all, should begin at home.

Homelessness is rampant in every city in America. Many care, but no one has a solution. Our collective honor and self-respect demand that a solution be created.

In every civilization there will always be some who cannot function, the downtrodden, the mentally ill, the addicted, the broken, the abandoned. It's so complicated, volumes could be written about every forgotten soul. The reasons why they are homeless are irrelevant. In the end, What needs to be done is obvious...Let us begin!