

### **Community Engaged Learning and Research**

- Partner with Anawim Housing to conduct research on gentrification and rent prices in Des Moines ([www.anawimhousing.org/](http://www.anawimhousing.org/))
- Take a class at Drake focused on homelessness, such as SCSS076 Homelessness in America

When searching for classes in MyDusis, use the CEL Attribute

### **Community Organizing and Activism**

- Join a committee on United Way's Opportunity Plan, which is working to tackle Des Moines' toughest challenges to eliminate barriers and ensure all central lowans have a path to financial stability ([www.opportunitydsm.com](http://www.opportunitydsm.com))

### **Direct Service**

- Volunteer at a homeless shelter in Des Moines, such as Central Iowa Shelter and Services ([www.centraliowashelter.org/](http://www.centraliowashelter.org/)) or Youth Emergency Services and Shelter ([www.yessiowa.org/](http://www.yessiowa.org/)); or volunteer with an organization working to help people get affordable housing, like Anawim Housing, Habitat for Humanity ([www.gdmhabitat.org/](http://www.gdmhabitat.org/)), or YMCA Supportive Housing ([www.tinyurl.com/ysuphouse](http://www.tinyurl.com/ysuphouse))

## **Homelessness**

### **Philanthropy**

- Create a team and raise money for Reggie's Sleepout, a fundraiser of Iowa Homeless Youth Centers that is held at the Drake Stadium each fall ([www.reggiessleepout.org](http://www.reggiessleepout.org))
- Ask your employer to match your donation to Reggie's Sleepout or other causes you are raising funds for

### **Policy and Governance**

- Attend a meeting of the Polk County Continuum of Care, a US Department of Housing and Urban Development Program designed to promote community-wide commitment to ending homelessness ([www.polkcares.org](http://www.polkcares.org))

### **Social Entrepreneurship and Corporate Social Responsibility**

- Shop at a thrift store like Salvation Army ([www.centralusa.salvationarmy.org/desmoines/](http://www.centralusa.salvationarmy.org/desmoines/)) or DAV ([www.davdesmoines.com/](http://www.davdesmoines.com/)) whose profits support those experiencing homelessness
- Eat at the Hall/Justice League of Food in West Des Moines ([www.justiceleagueoffood.org/](http://www.justiceleagueoffood.org/)), where people experiencing homelessness are employed and receive job training