

Safety Guidelines

Safety Guidelines for Friends

For the safety and security of our Friends and the people we serve,

- NEVER** give a homeless person your address or telephone number or allow them to use your cell phone.
- NEVER** give a homeless person a ride in a personal vehicle.
- NEVER** engage in behavior or a verbal exchange that might be perceived as sexual with a person in the homeless community.
- NEVER** tolerate abusive or inappropriate language. If you witness any such activity, report it immediately to a Feed By Grace staff member.



Panhandling or Solicitation

It is the goal of Unity Park to bring the Church and the homeless into meaningful and life changing relationships based on love, respect, and equality in Christ. We believe that money has the potential to ruin these relationships. As we have experienced, to give or loan a homeless individual money will from that point forward define that relationship as being based on money, power, and position. It is for this reason that we ask our visitors to:

- NEVER** give or loan a homeless individual money or personal belongings.
- NEVER** purchase any item from a homeless individual.

If a homeless person solicits a donation from you, tell a Feed By Grace staff member. If that person has a legitimate need, we will be better able to direct them to the many resources that are already available to them in this community.

Respect the Privacy of All People at Unity Park!

The relational nature of the ministry sometimes involves intense sharing from both homeless and Friends. If you are privy to confidential information about persons with whom you are working or serving, such as personal stories, names or other personal information, *it is vital that you treat it as privileged information.* Please do not take or distribute photos of individuals without their permission. Some of our guests are fleeing from domestic violence and photos could endanger someone's safety. (Panoramic shots, pictures without faces in focus, or members of your group only are acceptable.)
