



## **Membership Benefits:**

**GCCH connects** your organization to other organizations and individuals experiencing homelessness through our monthly general body meetings and executive director meetings. The monthly meetings keep everyone, from front-line staff to directors, updated on issues and concerns in the community. They also serve as a forum to discuss and tackle these issues as a community.

**GCCH advocates** for your clients and/or organization. In our mission to end the systemic causes of homelessness, we find it most effective if you are able to focus on working with your clients. As a coalition, we work to ensure that the best interests of our member groups and their clients have a strong presence in the local and state government as well as in the community. Since 2004, GCCH has been fighting for human services funding from the City of Cincinnati for example. GCCH also fought to make the cold shelter a permanent fixture and constantly collaborates with other organizations to advocate for them. With a current shortage of at least 40,000 affordable homes in the area, we are now working in union with our member organizations to see the passing of a Homeless Bill of Rights and the creation of an Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

**GCCH promotes** your organization. Through our education programs, we speak with many schools and organizations in the Cincinnati area (over 8,000 individuals last year). We discuss the different types of agencies, their missions and provide contact information. In addition, your organization is listed on our website and in *Streetvibes*. We also provide your organization with a subscription to *Streetvibes* and discounted advertising. Simply, we help build relationships between organizations of all different specialties including faith, politics, and social services.

**GCCH informs** your organization through updates and informational materials about important issues that affect those who are homeless and service providers as well as action alerts through our listserv. We also are happy to send a staff member to speak with your organization staff (such as new employees) about homelessness in our community.

We hope that you will be a member of the Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless. A coalition is only as strong as its members. Do not hesitate to contact Mona Jenkins [monajenkins@cincihomeless.org](mailto:monajenkins@cincihomeless.org) or 513-421-7803 ex.11 with any questions you may have about membership.