

## Homelessness 2.0: Observation/Encounter Journal Prompts

For the next several weeks/months, we encourage you to keep a journal in your car and note whenever you see or encounter unhoused individuals. Please try to pause and record your observations and reflections as close to the encounter as possible. (This will help you to note things “in real time” rather than trying to remember details at the end of the day or week.)

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### Phase 1

Whenever you see an unhoused individual, please note the following...

**Date:**

**Location:**

**General observations** (e.g. age, gender, ethnicity; Are they holding a sign? What does it say?; How would you describe or summarize their situation?):

**Did you interact with this individual? If so, please describe the interaction?** (What happened? Did they speak to you? Did you speak with them? Who initiated? What did you do?):

**How did you feel when you saw or encountered this individual?:**

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### Phase 2

Whenever you see an unhoused individual, please note the following...

**Date:**

**Location:**

**Name of individual?:**

**Describe your encounter with this individual:**

**What do you know about their situation?** Do you have any questions or things you want to know about them?:

**How did you feel when you saw or encountered this individual?**

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## Phase 3

Take some time to pray and consider what your “next steps” may be in how you interact with, engage, or care for the unhoused individuals you have seen or encountered over the past several months. What questions do you need to be asking?