



## Compassion Action Network

### Spring Faith Forum

April 22, 2010

#### Constance Free Church

16150 Crosstown Blvd.  
Andover, MN 55304

#### Day's Events

8:00 am ----- Registration  
8:30 am ----- Welcome  
8:45 am ----- Keynote  
9:45 am ----- Speed  
Networking  
10:00 am ----- Breakouts  
11:15 am ----- Faith  
Community  
Panel  
12:15 ----- Lunch &  
Bridgelink  
Presentation

#### Registration

##### Pre-Registration\* Fee:

\$25.00 for ALL participants, including display table sponsors. Fee covers all materials, speaker, a continental breakfast, and lunch.

\*\$30.00 at the door.

##### Multiple Pre-registration

**Discount:** \$25.00 for first registration—\$20.00 all additional registrants within the same organization.

**Registrations must be submitted together with one check.**

#### Door Prizes

Bring a "Rainy Day" donation of a rain poncho, umbrella, OR a gift card for gas, Wal-mart, etc. to be eligible to win a door prize. Donations will be given to Stepping Stone Emergency Housing and the Emma B. Howe YMCA.



When everyone brings something, there is more than enough.

## HOMELESSNESS IN ANOKA COUNTY PART II: MORE THAN A BAND-AID APPROACH A CLOSER LOOK AT CAUSES AND SOLUTIONS

### A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE ON CAUSES & CURES—CHEREE LANGMADE

**Cheree Langmade**, RN & outreach worker at **The Bridge for Youth**, grew up in Anoka County & experienced homelessness for the first time when she was 12 years old. Cheree will share her personal story of homelessness, including how she survived on the streets and what motivated her to seek not only stable housing, but to create a life and a future for herself and her family. This inspiring story will challenge us to consider what we might do to intervene on behalf of the increasing number of homeless youth in our community.

### FAITH COMMUNITY RESPONSE PANEL

This panel will consist of various faith community representatives who will share the creative & collaborative ways they are responding to homelessness. Panelists will represent Family Promise (**Suzie Schultz**), Cross Point Church (**Pastor Nancy Ernewein**), Bridgelink (**Jill Discher**), Bridgewood Community Church (**Pastor Diane Stores**), and Family Table. See if any of these models fit **your congregation**.

### BREAK-OUT SESSION OPTIONS

**Veterans & Homelessness – What's the Connection?** – Learn how and why veterans experience a high rate of homelessness and what is being done to address the issue—**Kathleen Vitalis**, Executive Director, MN Assistance Council for Veterans.

**Domestic Violence and Homelessness** – A discussion on how cycles of domestic violence contribute to homelessness and impacts children and families—**Dr. Joe Wotruba, LP, Clinical Director & Sara Bidler, LMFT, Coordinator of the Women's Domestic Abuse Program.**

**Stable Mental Health—Stable Housing** Discover from both a professional and a personal perspective how chemical dependency and mental health conditions can impact a person's ability to obtain and maintain stable housing—**Marielle Robinson with Anoka County and Jeff Vadnais.**

**The days events are co-sponsored by Constance Free Church**