**Homelessness Awareness Lesson Plan: Week of November 17**

**Topic:** Homeless Veterans

**Main Idea:** New Jersey alone currently contains 7,000 to 8,000 homeless veterans

**Activities:**

1.) Watch short clip from “Street Vets” Documentary- (1:30-3:15 only)

[**http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Axoi93hZpZ8**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Axoi93hZpZ8)

2.) Warmup- Students will read background information on homeless veterans and write down three major statistics learned. Please use the following website for statistics…

<http://www.supporthomelessveterans.org/statistics.php>

3.) Discussion

4.) In groups of 3-5, students will investigate the five categories within the “What We Do” heading on [**http://www.supporthomelessveterans.org/index.php**](http://www.supporthomelessveterans.org/index.php)

\*each group should only focus on one category

\*groups must research HOW each of the categories will help homeless veterans and relate it to how WE can help

**Assessment:** Students must write a letter to the Mayor describing the issue using statistics learned while showing the importance of helping this cause. Included should also be a plan to help.

**Closure/Reflection-** Students will reflect on what was learned by writing in their journals.

**YouTube Links:**

[**http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNUTJUcjQLU**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNUTJUcjQLU)

**Web Resources/Articles:**

[**http://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/docs/GCADA\_Veterans\_Guide.pdf**](http://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/docs/GCADA_Veterans_Guide.pdf)

[**http://www.supporthomelessveterans.org/index.php**](http://www.supporthomelessveterans.org/index.php)

[**http://www.nchv.org/**](http://www.nchv.org/)

[**http://www.nj.gov/military/vetshaven/index.html**](http://www.nj.gov/military/vetshaven/index.html)

[**http://www.nchv.org/images/uploads/FY%202013%20Annual%20Report(1).pdf**](http://www.nchv.org/images/uploads/FY%202013%20Annual%20Report(1).pdf)

[**http://www.nj.gov/military/vetshaven/docs/VHSWishList.pdf**](http://www.nj.gov/military/vetshaven/docs/VHSWishList.pdf) (wish list of items needed)

[**http://www.veteransinc.org/about-us/statistics/**](http://www.veteransinc.org/about-us/statistics/)