

**Want to help a
panhandler?
Don't give money from
your car**

**Handling money to panhandlers
on busy streets endangers the life
of the panhandler and motorists.**

**You can help, by giving money to
the social services that provide
food, clothing and shelter.**

Eighty percent of the money collected from
panhandling is not spent on food and shelter.

To help those in real need: people with
mental illnesses... those who have lost their
job or their home... families going through
tough times, consider donating to **Change for
the Better**.

Keep our streets safe and support our area-
wide effort to better serve the poor and needy
through **ChangePoint** and **Spokane Valley
Partners**.

With your help, **Change for the Better** will
be a real **ChangePoint** for the poor and
needy in our community.

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Spokane Valley Partners**
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**Our Services and Partner
Organizations Include:**

- Food Bank, Emergency Assistance
- Clothing Bank, Protective Payee Services
- Community Voice Mail
- Smart Start,
- Spokane Regional Health District's
- Women, Infants, Children (WIC) Program
and Mental Health Agencies
- Career Development Classes and
Tutoring
- SNAP
- Lutheran Community Services,
- ValleyFest
- Valley Meals-on-Wheels,
- Aight Counseling Services
- Hearth Homes
- Second Harvest
- Northwest Harvest
- Alcohol and Drug Referral Services

***Panhandling Action
Committee (PAC)***

**Richard Munson, Bill Gothmann,
Ian Robertson
and representatives from these
organizations:**

City of Spokane Valley
City of Liberty Lake
Spokane Valley Police Department
Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce
Spokane Valley Business Association
Spokane Valley Senior Citizens Association



Give Smart

Together we can eliminate
panhandling while providing help
for those in need.

**Spokane Valley
PARTNERS**
promoting self-reliance, enhancing quality of life



“Charlie: says he makes \$60-\$80 per two hours panhandling at the Sullivan exit off I90. Another Spokane Valley man panhandles “because it is lucrative.” He is an engineer who works in Spokane during the week.



About 20 percent of people who beg on our streets have real needs that you can help solve. Over 300 social agencies in Spokane County deal with major

issues for those in need. The economic downturn has resulted in more people out of work and homeless.

With your help as part of the “**Change for the Better**” **Community Campaign**, we can eliminate those who panhandle as a “way of life” from those who genuinely need help and hope!

How You Can Help

Give information to people you know at work, home, school, church or club. Here’s what’s available:

- Posters 8½ x 11” for your business
- Slim Jims 8½ x 3” for distribution to employees and customers
- Cards (business size) that tells people how to receive help with basic needs
- “**Change for the Better**” donation boxes to give to friends, associates, customers.



Support Legislation

While free speech is to be protected, luring panhandlers into the traffic right-of-way is dangerous for all concerned. Your input is needed as we seek the best solution for our community.

Possible solutions:

- Limit places where panhandling is permitted.
- Provide police with social services information to be given out to people in need
- Make it illegal to give from a car in the right-of-way
- Support ordinances that deal effectively with public drunkenness
- Eliminate sale of single cans of high alcohol content beer near freeway interchanges
- Post signs stating the problems of panhandling and how people in Greater Spokane Valley can find help and hope at Spokane Valley Partners.

Business Owners, Pastors, and Civic Leaders Can Help

If your property is plagued with squatters and panhandlers, the first step is to post “No Trespassing” signs. This enables the police to take action when requested.

Have business cards from **Spokane Valley Partners** available to give to those in need.

Volunteer your time and expertise to area agencies. Skills such as: marketing, teaching basic skills, serving, delivering food, serving in the Food Bank, are ways to make a difference.



Spokane Valley Partners (SVP)

SVP is the sole source of comprehensive community and social services in Greater Spokane Valley, serving low income and disadvantaged residents between the City of Spokane and the Idaho border.

The agencies at **SVP** serve more than 70,000 people annually. The critical services they provide help individuals and families rise from lives of need and poverty to become productive citizens of our community.

Local charities have fewer administrative costs than international or national charities so more of your dollars go directly to delivering critical services right here. Supporting your local charities improves our quality of life and helps build a stronger local economy.

Every dollar given through “**Change for the Better**” **Campaign** goes directly to helping the poor.



How to Give Locally

- Donate online at www.SVPART.org
- Distribute “**Change for the Better**” boxes” at your place of business, church, club, or neighborhood to friends, employees and customers
- Install a “Parking Meter” where all money deposited provides social services in our area.

Thank You For Giving Back To Our Community