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At the Table



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SAVE THE DATES!

All events will be at
ArtRage Gallery.

(505 Hawley Ave. Next door to IMFK)

- **Tuesday, Sept. 11th at 7pm**
Artist Talk with Neil Shigley.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 26th at 7pm**
Why am I homeless Q & A
- **Saturday, Oct. 6th at 6pm**
Mark Horvath, Invisible People Presentation
- **Tuesday, Oct. 18th at 7pm**
Where do the homeless go? Q & A panel
- **Saturday, October 27th last day of the showing.**

Why am I homeless?

On **Saturday, Sept. 8th at 7pm**, IMFK will partner with **ArtRage Gallery** to showcase the incredible works of **Neil Shigley**. His work explores the subject of homelessness **by giving visibility to homeless individuals** through large-scale portraits. Reflecting on the project's purpose, Shigley says, "The next time that you pass someone sleeping on the street, I hope you will realize that as a child, this is probably not the life that they had dreamed of leading. **Each has a family, friends and a story of why they are where they are.** By presenting these faces on a large scale we are forced to confront them and the situation that so many like them find themselves in."

IMFK and ArtRage will partner over the next two months to bring **opportunities for the community to ask questions and receive insight and understanding homelessness.** Open free to the public are two questions and answer panels. The first is on **Wed., Sept. 26th** and the topic will be,

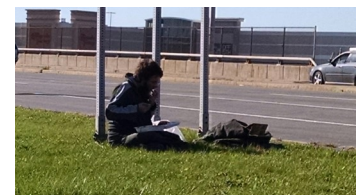
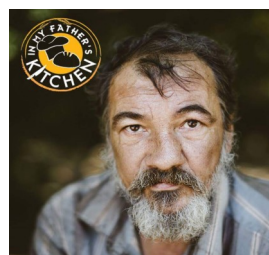
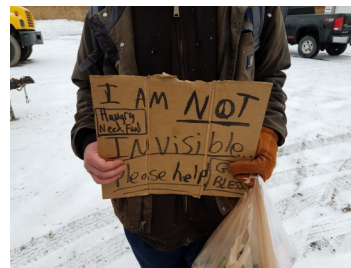
"Why I am homeless." IMFK's long-time friend, **Kevin Batsford** will be on the panel. Kevin has now been **off the streets for over 4 years.** He has since gotten married and works a full time job. **Kevin hopes to share his insights and experiences to help others understand** what it means to be homeless. Also on this panel are **Dr. Sunny Aslam, MD (psychiatry and addiction specialist)** and **Rose Austin, MSW (Associate Director of Shelter Services for Vera House).**

Our **second panel, "Where do the homeless go?"** will meet on **Tues., Oct. 18th.** This panel will include: **Megan Stuart (Coordinator of Syracuse Homeless and Housing Collation), Amber Vander Ploeg (Rescue Mission) and Kristian Ailen (Catholic Charities).**

We invite you to come and **join us for both of these amazing panels.** They are free and open to the public. **IMFK** will be the facilitator for the panels and they will be open for questions.

Mark Horvath, founder of Invisible People, will be at **Artrage on Sat., Oct. 6th** to share his experiences. Mark has traveled and filmed homeless individuals from all over the world. **This presentation is free and open to the public.**

We hope to see you at **one or all** of these wonderful events. **If you have questions about homelessness** and what our community is doing to shelter and house individuals please join us. **All are welcome.**



In and Safe

We ended August by assisting **our 101st and 102nd friends indoors.** We met H and B last January and reconnected with them in June. **These two friends were living in a place not meant for human habitation.** H and B are in their early 50's and have been struggling with alcohol addiction their entire adult lives.

IMFK was able to show our friends love by consistently visiting them with awesome lunches, providing the supplies they needed to survive, as well as **bringing Dr. David Lehmann to visit**

them with House Calls to the Homeless. **IMFK** connected them to service providers and got them their apartment. We wanted them to know they were worth fighting for. **No one should be living in a place with no electricity or running water.** On 8/28/18 they received keys to their own newly renovated place.

For H and B an apartment brings safety and dignity, but now the hard work of trying to live a sober life is just getting started. **IMFK thanks the service providers who collaborate with us** in sup-

porting our friends in their journey forward.

Together Sous Chefs with your continued support we are building hope and changing lives.



PRAY: Nothing that IMFK does could possibly be successful without the continued prayer support of our Sous Chefs on a daily basis.

DONATE: IMFK receives donations of clothes, housewares, bedding and shoes. Donations can be dropped off at IMFK (501 Hawley Ave) any Friday 12-4pm.

GIVE financially. We need Sous Chefs who will commit to In My Father' Kitchen on a consistent, monthly basis. With your financial support we can continue making a positive impact in the lives of those who feel invisible. Online giving is available at: <https://diem.life/imfk>

SERVE: A Sous Chef can also give of their time and skills by volunteering to help with our give-aways, fundraisers and special events.

