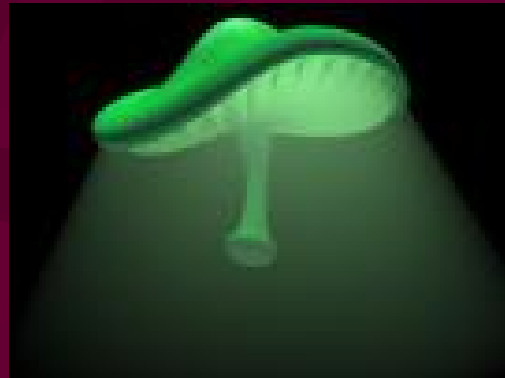


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The Morgantown Experience

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Morgantown, West Virginia



- **Small city of 50,000 people**
- **Home of West Virginia University and 25,000 students**

Morgantown, West Virginia

- Long history of social and community development
- Rapidly growing economy
- High demand for housing



Our Homeless Resources

- **Average 120 people**
- **Homeless shelter capacity 30-35**
- **Drop in capacity 20-25**
- **Caritas House for HIV/AIDS**
- **Habitat for Humanity**



Additional Resources

- **Faith based meal centers**
- **Drop in center for clients with mental illness**
- **Salvation Army**
- **WVU Hospitals with specialty care access**
- **Health Right**

Challenges to Homeless Services

- **Limited subsidized housing**
- **Relatively high housing costs**
- **Limited state resources**
- **One homeless outreach worker for 4 counties (population of 200,000) – position now vacant**

Further Challenges

- **Limited access to mental health services for uninsured**
- **Very limited access to extended/inpatient substance abuse programs**
- **No local VA Hospital**
- **No cold weather shelter**

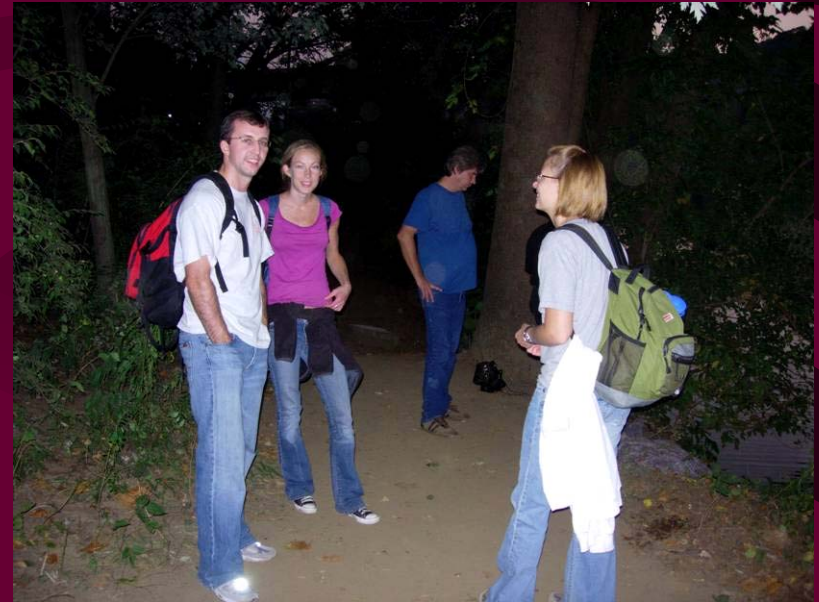
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- Multidisciplinary UnSheltered Homeless Relief Outreach Of Morgantown
 - Medical Student driven outreach started in March 2005
 - Modeled after Operation Safety Net in Pittsburgh

Development

- **Apprenticeship with OSN in Pittsburgh**
- **Linkage with local Homeless Outreach Worker**
- **Contact with local Homeless Coalition**
- **On-the-street rounds in Morgantown with Dr. Withers**



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Development



- **Recruitment and training of student volunteers**
- **Recruitment of physicians and social workers**
- **Formulation of Mission and Values Statement**
- **Formulation of operational policies**

Resources

- **Student energy and enthusiasm**
- **Core stock of basic medical supplies (thanks to Hurricane Katrina)**
- **Experienced homeless outreach worker**
- **Volunteer education including expertise of Coalition Members**



MUSHROOM TEAMS

- **Physician**
- **Social Worker**
- **1-3 Coalition
volunteers**
- **3-4 medical students**
- **1-2 community
volunteers**



Services Provided

- **Medical triage**
- **Basic first aid**
- **Food and hydration**
- **Clothing especially socks**
- **Social support**
- **Referral to appropriate medical and social agencies**

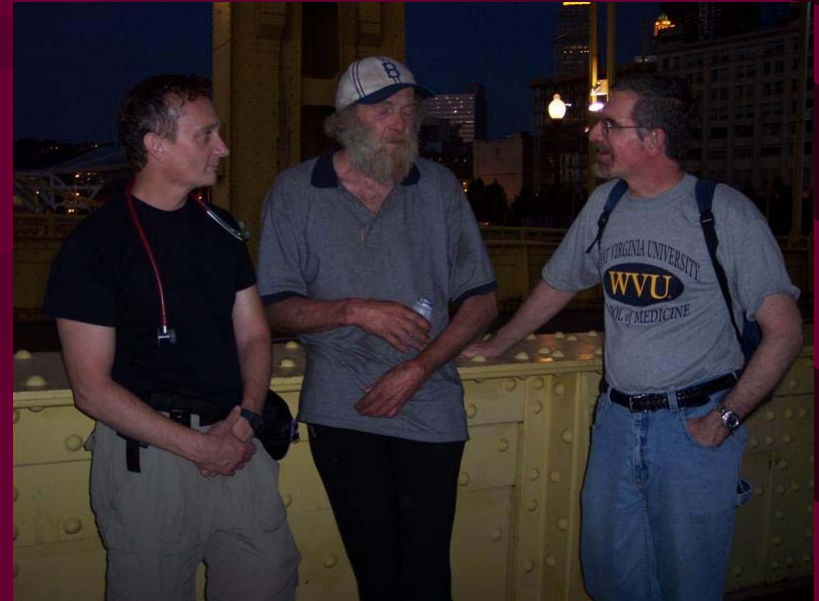


Typical Night

- **Defined route for street rounds**
- **7-10 individuals served in the field**
- **10-12 individuals served at the “Drop in Shelter”**
- **3 hours and 3 miles of territory**

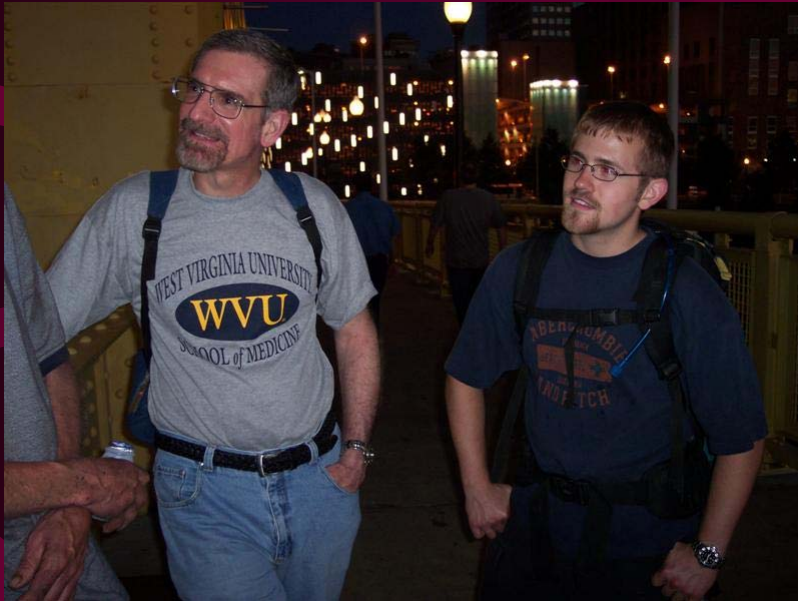
The Magic of MUSHROOM for Clients

- Lives are touched
- Humanity is validated
- Early warning medical system saves lives and money
- Care is better facilitated
- Basic life needs met



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The Magic of MUSHROOM for Students



- Experience core values of medicine
- Meet underserved
- Experience first hand medical and psychosocial issues
- Employ newly learned doctoring skills

The Magic of MUSHROOM Partnerships

- **Philanthropic grant from WVU School of Business**
- **Political Science Capstone Projects**
 - **Non-profit status**
 - **Service coordination**
 - **Public Awareness**
 - **Grant funding**



The Magic of MUSHROOM Partnerships



- **Presentation before mayor and city council**
- **TV, radio and newspaper coverage**
- **Presentations to local church and civic groups**

The Magic of MUSHROOM Successes

Since first Street Rounds in June 2005:

- 600 client encounters**
- 70 medical service treatments with value of more than \$7,000**
- 82 volunteers with 942 volunteer hours**
- \$5,280 raised for direct client services**

The Magic of MUSHROOM Successes

- **Recognition in the WVU School of Medicine Annual Report 2006**
- **Component of Family Medicine Interest Group Program of Excellence 2006**
- **Governor's Service Award 2006**



The Magic of MUSHROOM Partnerships



- Linkage with newly developed Homeless Care Clinic at Health Right
- Linkage with WV School of Medicine Physical Diagnosis Course

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Future Plans for MUSHROOM

- **Recruit more teams**
 - Service more areas of Morgantown
 - Increase frequency of street rounds – add Friday afternoon team beginning October 2006
 - Decrease volunteer burnout
- **Expand involvement of other professionals and students**
- **Link more seamlessly with existing health systems for facilitated care**

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MUSHROOM “Dreams”

- **Come under non-profit umbrella of Bartlett House, Inc.**
- **Develop reliable funding sources**
- **Add more on-line volunteer training information**
- **Secure space downtown**
- **Continue to build seamless healthcare system for homeless in Morgantown.**

Come... walk with MUSHROOM!



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