



Horatio is a nine-year old honor roll student in Broward County Schools who has a Heart to Help the Homeless.

His Story:

One year ago, Horatio played a basketball game with his travel team at a recreation center directly across from Camillus House, a homeless shelter located in downtown Miami. This was his first encounter seeing the effects of homelessness, as he stepped over men and women laying on the sidewalk. After the game, he couldn't celebrate the win because his mind turned back to the individuals he saw on the street. He asked his mom, "Why are they there?" She explained that they had nowhere to go and were hoping for space in the shelter, but sometimes shelters are overcrowded. His response displayed the innocence of a child. He asked, "Why are there homeless people, if we have hotels? Why can't hotel owners allow homeless people to shower and sleep?" After explaining that hotels are for profit, his mother asked, "What would you do to help if he could?" He replied that once he made it to the NBA, he would give money, apartments and shoes for them. His mother explained that you don't have to be a millionaire to start.



After a few months of seeing Horatio watch YouTube videos of philanthropists giving back to homeless people and witnessing him crying because of the videos, his mom concluded that his compassion for the homeless population was genuine. She encouraged him to write a vision of what he wanted to do and he came up with the name “Horatio's Heart to Help the Homeless.”

This initiative is not yet at the level of giving homes, money and shoes as Horatio envisions, but with his passion and the community's help, we will get there. Horatio's first initiative is to distribute bags with toiletries to as many homeless people in the Miami area as possible. One bag can be filled with a donation of \$20.00. You can contribute by **clicking on the donate now link**. All contributions are tax deductible.

If you wish to provide actual items to fill the bags, you can also mail them (please see the list of acceptable items below) to our Post Office box at:

Horatio's Heart to Help the Homeless
Post Office Box 173756
Hialeah, FL 33014

Each contributor will receive a personalized thank you from Horatio, the project coordinator.

Thank you for your generous support and for having a heart like Horatio's to help the homeless.

