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I live in Northeast Portland where there are many homeless humans. I recently moved here from Monmouth and drove by the park in Salem where people without houses were routinely "swept" out of the park and out from under the "shelter" of the overpass. So sad to see in a country with so much wealth. The problem of housing our citizens is huge and ongoing and not going away on its own, but is rather growing bigger. This is a problem that could be, but has not been, and likely will not be addressed by our nation as a whole, sadly. If Faith Communities, Non-profits, Tribal Communities, Housing Authorities, and Local Governments are funded and empowered to take steps to improve the situation, that seems like the best option for moving in a better direction. I'm proud to live in Oregon. If we can improve the lives of our houseless friends, I'll be even prouder.

Thanks for all you do.