

Boxed-In Design Contest

A Cause, Some Cardboard, and a Creative Mind

Here's your chance to think out-of-the-box. Design and sleep in a box at the Wheeling SleepOut. Teams and individual participants can enter the Boxed-in Design Contest. Designs are scored by our VIP panel of guest Judges. Bring your cardboard and creativity!

Entries in the Boxed-In Contest will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- + Educational theme regarding youth homelessness
- + Creativity
- + Comfort
- + Livability

Keep in mind that in addition to promoting awareness of the issue of runaway and homeless youth, your box is also your shelter during the night. Comfort is key. Bring a tarp to place under (or over) your box shelter in the event of inclement weather. (*See below for acceptable and unacceptable building materials.)

All entries will receive a number to attach to your box at the check-in table the night of the event. Bring the finished design to the field or construct it on site.

Judging will begin promptly at 8:15 p.m. with winners announced later in the evening.

MATERIALS

You are required to construct the shelter out of acceptable materials listed below. **DO NOT CONSTRUCT YOUR SHELTER OUT OF THE UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS LISTED BELOW.** These lists were created to respect the I-470 JB Chambers Field and the City of Wheeling facilities.

Any entry using unacceptable materials will be disqualified.

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS:

Cardboard, Paper, Props, Tape, String or rope, Crayons, Chalk, Water-Based Markers, Battery powered lighting may be used for effect.

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS:

Paint (of ANY kind), Wood, Permanent Markers, Staples, Glue, Styrofoam **Box designs using unacceptable materials will be disqualified.**

Trophies will be presented in the following categories:

- + **BEST IN SHOW**— this award will go to the one boxed-in design that best represents the following criteria: education/theme, creativity, comfort, and livability. (Not eligible for other awards)
- + **BEST OVERALL DESIGN** – this award will go to the boxed-in designs (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards) that best represent the following criteria: creativity, comfort, and livability
- + **BEST THEME** – this award will go to the boxed-in designs (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards) that best promote youth homelessness awareness: the issues, available resources, a call to action, etc.

2021 Wheeling SleepOut Theme



YSS serves youth facing homelessness in our Transitional Living Program (TLP). TLP works with youth ages 17-21 to build life skills and attain education experience for a solid foundation for becoming independent adults. Because of community support, YSS gives the TLP youth hope that the places they can go in life are limitless.



About National Runaway Prevention Month

National Runaway Prevention Month (NRPM) is symbolized by the color green, and is spearheaded by the National Runaway Safeline (NRS) and the National Network for Youth (NN4Y). The goals for NRPM are two-fold:

1. To raise awareness of the runaway and homeless youth crisis and the issues that these young people face
2. To educate the public about solutions and the role they can play in ending youth homelessness