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**October is 31 Days of Hope in Pittsburgh**

*Month-long awareness campaign aims to educate local community about homelessness in Pittsburgh*

**PITTSBURGH, PA., September 27, 2017** – Each day, the Homeless Children's Education Fund (HCEF) works to create hope through learning for children and youth experiencing homelessness in Pittsburgh. For the month of October, we are asking our local Pittsburgh community to get involved in our impactful work and participate in the 31 Days of Hope campaign.

The 31 Days of Hope campaign is HCEF's month-long awareness campaign dedicated to educating our local community about the issue of homelessness and the effect of homelessness on a child's education. Specifically, this campaign works to bring awareness to the 3,000 children and youth identified as homeless in Allegheny County last year and the unique struggles they face in school.

Events for the 31 Days of Hope Campaign include:

- We Live Here Too: A Round Table Discussion About Homelessness in Pittsburgh
- Homeless Children's Awareness Week October 15-21
- Mingle at the Museum Happy Hour with the Carnegie Museum of Art
- Hope in Action Advocacy Workshop

The month-long campaign wraps up with HCEF's third annual food truck fundraiser: Fountain of Youth-A Food Truck Round-Up. This year's food truck event is presented by Pennsylvania Libations and Rivertowne Brewing and will be held at the Priory Hotel on the north side on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

For more information on how you can participate in 31 Days of Hope, please visit [www.homelessfund.org/31-days-of-hope](http://www.homelessfund.org/31-days-of-hope)

Together, we can create hope for children in Pittsburgh.