



## April 23, 2022 | FirstEnergy Stadium

The Homeless Stand Down embodies BVU's mission by engaging businesses, nonprofits, and individuals to use their time and talents to strengthen the community.



Individuals and organizations from all parts of the community came together, from hosting donation drives, to sorting shoes and boots, to attending as guests.  
\*faith groups included



The Homeless Stand Down was transformative for both guests and volunteers, leading many volunteers to change their perspective and vow to become more involved in the community.

"I had people meet my eyes. When we spoke, they looked me in the eyes and they smiled...and it was a genuine smile. It was a smile that wasn't just in their face, it was in their eyes...and a genuine glow from inside.

These were people who felt empathy for my situation and the situation of everybody around. I am filled with a great deal of gratitude because you don't feel that all the time."

- Rebecca, Guest

"It warms my heart to have met so many caring people. The smiles from volunteers to the ones we were helping, were contagious.

The veterans I had a chance to check in and then later "shop" with were some of the kindest people I have ever met and I greatly enjoyed talking with them.

Thank you for this!"

- Anonymous, Volunteer

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