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State Museum Sponsors Wednesday Lecture Series on Homelessness

JUNEAU – Were you aware that the Capital City is Alaska’s most homeless city, per capita? Learn more about the impact of homelessness on our community by attending a series of lectures every Wednesday in March at noon at the Alaska State Museum. These presentations complement the ongoing photo exhibit, “Out of the Rain: Portraits of people emerging from homelessness in Alaska’s Capital City.” Sponsored by the Juneau Homeless Coalition, this show and lecture series seek to break the stereotypes commonly held about homelessness and find solutions for this ongoing dilemma.

- March 7 – Dan Austin, General Manager, St. Vincent de Paul: "The Silver Tsunami: the approaching demographic wave of low-income seniors and homelessness;"
- March 14 – Haifa Sadighi, Student Supplemental Services Coordinator, Juneau School District: "Student Homelessness in the Juneau School District"
- March 21 – Mandy O'Neal Cole, AWARE Direct Services Manager: "Homelessness and Domestic Violence"
- March 28 – Scott Ciambor, H&SS planner for the Alaska Mental Health Board/Advisory Board on Drug and Alcohol Abuse: “Alaska’s Inadequate Housing Stock: Gaps that impact the homeless, low-income, and middle class”

Admission to the series is free; visitors are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch and are encouraged to make a donation of canned food for the Southeast Alaska Food Bank.

Winter hours at the museum are 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. **Free admission to the exhibit that will run through April 21 is available to those who make a donation of canned food.** Discounted winter admission is \$3. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Alaska State Museum and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka is available for \$15. Assistance is available for visitors with special needs. Please contact Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.

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