Kathie Doherty-Peck

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To: Kathie Doherty-Peck
Subject: RE: Homeless

Hi Kathie,
Here is mine:

We have a very busy senior center and welcome new people. We had a gentleman who recently lost his wife start to come to the center. After a short period of time complaints came from senior women about this man asking them to come to his house and wouldn't they like a place to stay. He then followed a woman home and scared her enough she contacted the police. He then went after another senior woman who had special needs and hounded her to live with him. He took her to the bank and tried to get her to sign over her title 19 checks to him. She and her family eventually contact the police because he was continually harassing her. Then we find out that he had been in prison for sexually assaulting a minor 30 years prior. We also found out there were other issues about sexual assault. We did contact our police department and also tried to talk to the family about him. We ended up banning him from the center but he continued to "drive" through our parking lot. Eventually one of his children had him move in with them in another part of the state.

If there was a Senior Safety Zone, we would not have had to gone through all this with this one gentleman. We are horrified when it comes to this issue with children but seniors are also a very vulnerable population. Many of our seniors are women who have lost their spouse and live at home alone. It is time we address their needs for a safe zone.

Hope this is enough,
MJ