{ *Who are the people you see every day?* }

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People We See

Shelterless in Los Angeles.

Meet
Kenneth Hagle.

AGE: 54.

BIRTHPLACE: "Echo Park."

FAMILY: "I have two brothers and two sisters."

MARRIED?
"Been married twice, with two kids in their 30s."

MEDICATIONS: "Yes, pain medications."

RELIGIOUS: "Yes."

HIS STORY:
"I was born and raised in Los Angeles, Echo Park as a matter of fact. I always wanted to become a pharmacist. I made it to 12th grade and was just into living life. I really wasn't serious about anything. I drank, abused pain meds and partied. I never went to college, but I did register for the draft. I never served, though. I drank and smoked some pot but was never addicted or anything. I did have two hits of meth yesterday, but it doesn't really affect me.

"I have AIDS, and as you can see me my feet are messed up. I was in Burbank the other day and was coming down some stairs on the side of a building. I jumped, thinking it was just a couple of feet, but it turns out it was 30 feet. I broke up both of my feet and now I am in this wheelchair." [Note: Kenneth's freshly bandaged feet were bloody. – Ed.]

"I have been homeless for three years now."

FAVORITE MOVIE: "The Devil Wears Prada."

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Adam 12."

FAVORITE FOOD: "Hamburgers."

MOST PRIZED POSSESSION: "My teeth."

WITH $1 MILLION:
"Buy a loft and do art and music."

ADVICE FOR PEOPLE WITH KIDS:
"One thing leads to another."

The Club gave Kenneth a Bucket and a Blanket, a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, hand wipes, some food, $20 and bottled water.

The interview, conducted by John Hawkins, took place Jan. 11 in the 200 block of South Broadway downtown.

Club CEO John Hawkins and Kenneth Hagle.

{ In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins, and Director of Sales Angel Gomez, introduce you to people you see every day, but you might not know who they are. The Club reminds you that we all have names and stories to tell. }