

{ Who are the people you see every day? }

# People We See

*Shelterless in Los Angeles.*

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in a series.



## Meet **Don Cunningham.**

**AGE:** 62.

**BIRTHPLACE:** "North Hollywood."

**MOVED TO L.A.**

"Born and raised here."

**WHERE IS HOME:**

"I live in this little homeless enclave here on Glendale Boulevard. But I gotta tell you, it's getting a little crowded because there are new homeless people moving in. I don't like the way our little place is headed."

**HIS STORY:**

"I have been homeless most of my life. I ran away from home when I was 14. I started smoking weed and then went to harder drugs. I didn't like my parents, especially my step-mom. My dad was a wimp – he never taught me how to fix cars or to box or anything like that. He died from failure to thrive. I was always to blame for everything. I have been in and out of prison for 28 years, for bank robberies and the like."

**FAMILY:**

"I have one biological sister, but I have been separated from her for 30 years."

**MARITAL STATUS:**

"Single, never married."

**EDUCATION:**

"I went to Birmingham High School."

**RELIGION:** "I believe in God, but I am not religious."

**MILITARY:** "No."

**MEDICATIONS:**

"Abilify and Seroquel for schizophrenia, but I am not consistent with it because they really mess me up."

**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** "Seinfeld."

**FAVORITE ACTOR:**

"Robert Downey Jr."

**FAVORITE MUSIC:**

"Rock that others don't like ... I really like the lead singer from Alice in Chains."

**FAVORITE FOOD:** "Mexican ..."

I love Mexican food."

**FAVORITE CANDY:**

"Chocolate milk."

**LAST FOOD EATEN:**

"An apple, a Red Delicious."

**FAVORITE AUTHOR:**

"Andrew Vachs."

**FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY:**

"I love the model airport in the Valley. I used to go there as a kid."

**IN FIVE YEARS:** "Dead."

**WITH \$1 MILLION:**

"I would find a way to prevent me from going mad and killing myself."

**ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE:**

"Don't do drugs. Get an education."

*The Club gave Don snacks, bottled water and \$20 for food.*

*The interview, conducted by John Hawkins, took place July 22 on Glendale Boulevard west of the 110 Freeway.*

**Club CEO John Hawkins and Don Cunningham.**

{ In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins introduces 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. }