How Can One Bead Change Your Life?

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Defining “Home”
What specifically does a home provide?
What emotional, or tangible, comforts does a home provide?
Which is more important, the literal provisions of a home or the tangible ones?
“Homeless”
Could a person with a roof over their heads still be considered homeless?
How is “homeless” different from “living without a home,” is there a difference?
A person is considered homeless who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; and/or has a primary nighttime residency that is: (A) a supervised shelter (B) an institution, or (C) a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
Who are the Homeless?
Understanding Homelessness
Causes

- Not a new issue
  - Pre/Post Civil War
  - Great Depression
  - Urban Renewal
  - Chronic Issue
  - National and Global Concerns
Did you know?
Homelessness in Hawaii
Hawaii ranked #1, four years in a row.
2017: Point in Time Count numbers down by 9%

In addition to the first reduction in statewide homelessness in eight years, other key findings were:

- 19% decrease in homeless families
- 8% decrease in chronic homeless individuals and families
- 8% decrease in homeless veterans

2014 - 6918
2015 - 7620
2016 - 7921
2017 - 7220
Governor Ige and Scott Morishige, Governor’s Coordinator on Homelessness
Guest Speaker: Lt. Ogata, 
“Being homeless isn’t a crime.”
Virtual Reality Experience
Beads of Life

Materials for activity.

Giving students instructions. Reading scenarios and picking your first bead.

OH NO!! What happened to you??

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Bead Activity
Bracelet Instructions

- Tie a knot approx. 2 inches from one end
- Start with a blue bead
- Add either a PINK or YELLOW bead
- Add in any order: red, orange, green, dark blue, light purple, white, or cream
- ADD your set of STAR beads in any order
- ADD your set of regular beads in any order
- Tie off the end with a HEART bead
1st Bead Descriptors

- Yellow - You live paycheck to paycheck
- Pink - You are able to save a little
- Red - You lost your job
- Orange - Financial emergency
- Green - Unable to pay your rent or car payment
- Blue - You have an addiction problem
- Lt Purple - You have a disability of some kind
- White - Your hours got cut
- Cream - Family or Friends help out
- Black - You become homeless
2nd Star-Bead Descriptors

- Red - You had to get a second job
- Orange - Bill collectors start harassing you
- Green - You have to move to a different area in a smaller apartment
- Blue - You STILL have an addiction problem
- Lt. Purple - NO $ for meds or co-pays
- White - You got a small raise or more hours
- Cream - You accept help from the State
- Black - You do not qualify for State assistance
3rd Bead Descriptors

- Red - For being a good worker...promotion!!
- Orange - You are able to consolidate your debts
- Green - You’re landlord has you do extra work on the property and reduces your rent
- Blue - You get more help from Social Services to kick your addiction
- Lt. Purple - You qualify for better insurance, food & transportation vouchers, etc.
- White - You enter a job retraining program
- Cream - You kids receive free & reduced meals
- Black - You gave up and remain homeless
Share Your Story
So... Could one bead change your life?

Keep your bracelet as a reminder that not all homeless people are drug addicts, criminals, or don’t come from good families... sometimes... Life just happens!!!
Mahalo Nui Loa!!

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Extend the learning to include natural disasters
Kauai Flooding 2018
Kilauea 2018
Kilauea 2018 - Shelters for Displaced Residents
Other Natural Disasters - Images

Hurricane IRMA

California FIRES

Puerto Rico

Japan