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Program partners jobs, workers

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Lack of income can be one of the major factors keeping a homeless person on the streets.

And many of these community members can't find employment because they don't have the experience or references needed to land a job, said Loveland's Lee Severance.

That's why the homeless advocate created the 137 Work Force, an extension of the 137 Homeless Connection resource center.

The initiative will team homeless community members with local nonprofits that need assistance - creating a win-win situation, Severance said.

Not only will the nonprofits have more volunteers, but homeless people will be gaining valuable skills, experience, references and confidence while they help.

"We're hoping this program will lead to gainful employment," Severance said.

Nonprofits interested in the 137 Work Force program should contact Lee Severance at 635-0691 or leeseverance@aol.com.

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