

Summary

This bachelor thesis discusses citizens' initiatives and voluntary groups, dedicated to helping homeless people. The aim of the work is to highlight solidarity, altruism and well-meant help for homeless people and people in need by ordinary citizens. Civil initiatives and voluntary groups are described as a complementary component of the area of aid to homeless people. This area includes assistance from the state and the non-profit sector. The theoretical part focuses on the definition of the term homeless person. It also addresses the development of aid to homeless people in a historical context and presents a summary of the current system of homelessness in the Czech Republic, by the state and non-profit organizations. The last chapter of the theoretical part describes the civil initiatives themselves and their theoretical classification. The practical part describes the role of the voluntary sector in the context of these three pillars of help and thus draw attention to the importance of the establishment and activity of volunteer groups. The specific goal of the work is to demonstrate the risks associated with volunteering. It can thus serve as an inspiration for established or forming volunteer groups.

Keywords

Homeless people, volunteering, non-profit organizations, volunteer initiatives.