

## MANY YOUNG DRUG USERS GET THEIR FIRST HIT AT HOME.

It's difficult to understand why a kid would rather squat in a derelict building with a needle in her arm than live at home. Then again, few of us have experienced life in the homes these kids run away from. And while drugs dull the pain of abuse in the beginning, that's just exchanging one living hell for another. On the longest night, June 21st, Open Family highlights the plight of Australia's 36,000 homeless kids, and those who risk ending up that way. We don't ever

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**BEFORE A CHILD CAN HAVE DREAMS,  
SHE NEEDS A SAFE PLACE TO SLEEP.**

The life cycle of a homeless kid is a vicious one. Bad things happen under the cover of darkness, so you have to sleep during the day. Which means you can't go to school. No school means no job. And no job means there's no prize for guessing where you'll probably spend the rest of your life. On the longest night, June 21st, Open Family highlights the plight of Australia's 36,000 homeless kids, and those who risk ending up that way. We don't ever judge and we'll

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## WHAT DOES A CHILD DO WHEN THE MONSTER IS IN THE BED, NOT UNDER IT?

For thousands of kids, the only thing worse than sleeping on the streets is sleeping at home. And while the true horror of sexual abuse is impossible to communicate, if these kids are prepared to run away to the filth and violence of the streets, it's chilling to imagine just what they're running away from. On the longest night, June 21st, Open Family highlights the plight of Australia's 36,000 homeless children, and those who see at risk of ending up that way. We don't

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## NOT EVERY KID WHO LIVES ON JUNK FOOD GETS FAT.

It's a tragic irony that in a country where one of our biggest problems is children eating too much, there are still thousands who eat too little. They're the children for whom junk food is exactly that; anything that can be scrounged, begged, stolen or earned in ways that would make you sick to your stomach. On the longest night, June 21st, Open Family highlights the plight of Australia's 36,000 homeless kids, and those who risk ending up that way. We don't ever

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