PROFESSIONAL PANHANDLINE: CHARITY GONE WRONG

Before Viewing News Segment: (10 points)
Complete on Before/After Word document.
1. Have you ever come across someone looking homeless and asking for money for food? Write about how you responded to the situation.
   If you have not, discuss what factors would make you more likely to give a person money. What factors would make you less likely to give them money?

During Viewing: (10 points)
Fill in the blanks with the correct words.
1. She tells this reporter for KUTV she’s a thousand miles from home. . . . But then the cameraman quietly followed her . . . and found she actually lives . . . just two blocks away. In this ______________.
2. Doing the math showed she made more than ______________ an hour.
3. But lots of America’s beggars aren’t needy; they’re just ______________ who’ve found a good racket.
4. I offered jobs to a dozen people who said they’d work for food. All 12 said they’d come . . . but only this man did. He did the work, and we paid him $20, but he might have made more money ______________.
5. Every big city has food kitchens galore. The reason that people are on the streets asking for change is overwhelmingly ______________ and ______________.
6. I made just as much money with my ______________ sign as I did with my cold and homeless sign.
7. I just begged for an hour, but I did well. If I did this for an 8-hour day, I would have made 90 bucks. 23 thou for a year, tax-free. That ______________ money is why cities are filled with panhandlers.
8. [And the people who give . . . ] They’re doing a very bad thing. They are merely perpetuating somebody’s misery. As long as they can stay on the streets getting money for drugs and alcohol, they’re going to. And they’re enabling a very ______________-___________ lifestyle.
9. One charity I like is the Doe Fund—they helped John Buster put panhandling behind him. Instead of giving handouts, they re-train people to take ____________ for their lives.

10. You don’t have to wait around for somebody to give you something. You go out there and you make your own money. You know, you get your ____________-___________ back.

**After Viewing: (15 points)**

*Choose one of the following and respond. Complete on Before/After Word Document.*

1. There are often unintended consequences to people’s actions. What might be some unintended consequences of giving money to panhandlers?
2. Should people have the right to panhandle? Should people have a right to be left alone while out in public? Where do people's rights begin and end?
3. Is not giving to others a sign of selfishness? What might be some reasons people don’t give money to panhandlers?

**Activity: (30 points)**

*Choose one of the following to complete.*

1. Research The Doe Fund and write a brief report about the organization and its programs.
2. Write and produce a PSA about panhandling. Be sure to advocate your position and explain possible results if your position is not implemented. The PSA may be presented as a video, audio, or on a treatment sheet. The PSA may be a group or individual project.
3. Develop a list of at least 10 questions in order to interview a panhandler.