

Dear Friends,

This week we share new research on the role of faith-based organizations in alleviating homelessness, on the link between household income and marital satisfaction, and on the negative effects of divorce on alcoholism.

## **NEW RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS**

### **The Most Important Chart (Phenomenon) in all of the Social Sciences**

By now, regular reader of Faith and Family Findings are familiar with the data on family structure and its impact on everything important to a functioning society. On every outcome measured, for adults and children, those in an intact family do best on all the positive outcomes we desire for ourselves and our children. [Continue Reading...](#)

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### **Faith-Based Organizations Serve Homeless**

Faith-based organizations provide a majority of the short and long term solutions to homelessness in America. Over the three years and across the eleven cities studied, faith-based organizations saved 119 million taxpayer dollars by providing services for the homeless, [report](#) researchers at Baylor University.



### **Household Income and Marital Satisfaction**

Although low- and high-income couples are equally satisfied with their marriages, low-income spouses tend to differ more in their satisfaction and experience more fluctuation in their satisfaction than high-income couples. Divorce among low-income couples tends to result from this variability in marital happiness, [according](#) to researchers at the University of California Los Angeles.



### **Divorce Linked with Alcoholism**

Divorce increases alcohol use disorder sixfold among men and sevenfold among women, [report](#) researchers at Virginia Commonwealth University and Lund University in Sweden.

## **MARRIPEDIA ENTRIES RELATED TO THESE FINDINGS**

- 1) ["Effects of Religious Practice on Charity"](#)
- 2) ["Effects of Family Structure on the Economy"](#)
- 3) ["Effects of Marriage on Physical Health"](#)

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