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Jennifer Wolfley stops to talk to a friend as she walks along Lyell Avenue. Wolfley, program director at Mary Magdalene Women's Outreach Center, hands out condoms and personal hygiene items on the streets.

## A helping hand out on the streets

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Jennifer Wolfley is a self-described poet, someone who observes and then communicates the truth.

It's a title that fits both her roles, as a writing and literature instructor and as an outreach worker to prostitutes and drug addicts.

And the truth as she sees it on Lyell Avenue is bleak.

Look at that trash here

### Center aims to assist addicts and prostitutes

*on the street. Would they allow Christmas decorations to still be up months later in Pittsford? See, that? Those are drug dealers on the side of the street. You don't even have to get out of your car. And that, the former Tent City, is called*

*the rape house by everyone on the streets. The building is so large that women can easily get pulled in there and no one will even notice. Where are the shoppers? Where are the help wanted signs? Where are the signs of hope?*

One sign of hope is on the back of the gray sweatshirt that Wolfley wears when she walks the streets handing out condoms, personal hygiene items and an invitation to get help. In large orange letters it reads, "outreach worker."

Wolfley works through Grace Urban Ministries and its Mary Magdalene Women's Outreach Center.

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