

An urban village for city's homeless

Five days of food, beds and support

THE GAZETTE

A five-day festival focusing on Montreal's homeless population opens for the 11th year on Nov. 25 at Place Émilie Gamelin, on Ste. Catherine St. between Berri and St. Hubert Sts.

Organizers from Action Terroriste Socialement Acceptable will create an urban village there, operating 24 hours a day.

Local and international singers, rappers, poets and a variety of performance artists will join some 350 volunteers and 21 restaurateurs who will cook up a storm.

Full meals, with no plas-

tic or styrofoam, will be offered to street people three times a day.

Tents set up for the occasion will provide beds for 300 street people each night. Nursing and psychological counselling will also be offered to those who want it.

Organizers say they financed the festival thanks to grants from governments and agencies or donations of goods and services with a total value of about \$250,000.

For more information or to volunteer, call 514-844-9830 or visit www.atsa.qc.ca