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Having been raised in the United States of America by two parents born under economic duress in a third world country, I continue to find myself grateful for the ability, not only to realize my goals, but to be able to implement them into something tangible and beneficial for the lives of others. Ultimately, this is what makes architecture a worthwhile endeavor for me. The built environment provides one of the three basic necessities in life, including food, water, and shelter. The fusion of emergent ideas and the responsibility to the needs of the environment and its inhabitants will improve the quality of 'shelter' for generations to come, as described in the projects below. The "shelter-in-a-cart" project was submitted for an international design competition hosted by "Designboom", which often hosts competitions that address social awareness. The cart, used for both shelter and storage, is designed for those living in urban areas, who typically sleep on the street, spending the day collecting goods which may be exchanged for other valuables. Rather than proposing a solution to homelessness, the cart is an effort to call attention to an issue that has been detrimental to the lives of many. I am currently in the process of constructing the cart, with the intent of distributing it to someone who can put it to good use.

