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VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR 2023 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT IN STANISLAUS COUNTY

Modesto, CA.: The Stanislaus Community System of Care (CSOC) needs volunteers to help conduct the 2023 Homeless Point-in-Time Count, an annual survey of persons experiencing homelessness in our community. The count data is critical to determine the scope of the problem, help define resources, and identify gaps in service.

It's also used to help determine the amount of funding available to communities to develop housing and supportive services for people moving from homelessness to independent living.

"Homelessness continues to be an issue in our county," stated Jason Conway, Chair of CSOC. "The data collected will help us address the problem and gain a better understanding of why people are out on our streets."

Every year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires communities to count the number of people experiencing homelessness in counties across the nation.

The PIT count is an unduplicated count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January. It's a snapshot in time. This year's count is scheduled for **Thursday, January 26, 2023.**

Volunteers will work alongside the County's Homeless Outreach and Engagement Team as they fan out across Stanislaus County. They'll engage with local homeless individuals and their families to complete a survey and help distribute care packages (beanies, socks, snack, and water) to people you survey. The goal is to register 250 volunteers.

To volunteer, please go to <http://stanislaus.pointintime.info> You'll be required to choose a training session and select the city where you'd like to work.

Other options: Register via phone at (209) 558-2961 or e-mail csoc@stancounty.com. You can also scan this QR code from the camera app in your smart phone.



The registration deadline is January 6, 2023.

Last year, a total of 1,857 homeless persons were identified in the 2022 PIT Count.

The 2023 Homeless Shelter Count is organized by the Stanislaus Community System of Care (CSOC) which includes local governments, non-profits, and homeless providers. For more information about CSOC, please visit www.csocstan.com.