



# SAFESTREETS

Jan. 19, 2017

## **Volunteers needed for Point in Time Count in Snohomish County**

*Join one-night count efforts to help end homelessness*

EVERETT – Volunteers are needed to help support the annual Point in Time (PIT) Count on Tuesday, Jan. 24, in Snohomish County. Every January, thousands of volunteers across the United States join the effort to end and prevent homelessness by creating a snapshot of their community's homeless population on a single night.

PIT Count volunteers work together to identify individuals and families experiencing homelessness in our community and gather information about their needs and the causes of homelessness. The results of the count help communities and service providers address local needs, measure progress and identify gaps in programs and services. The results also help establish future state and federal funding the County may receive for intervention and prevention services.

More than just a headcount, volunteers will conduct face-to-face surveys with people experiencing homelessness, as well as distribute items such as coats, blankets, socks and hygiene kits. On the day of the count, 3-4 hour volunteer shifts run from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and include a complete training on how to gather data and what to expect from the experience. Following the training, volunteers will go to a central site or will break off into groups of 2-3 and go to a specific geographic area to gather information. Groups will then return to the initial meeting spot and debrief their survey findings with a trained worker.

Providers will be on hand to assist with a range of issues, including medical and housing needs, as well as provide assistance with health insurance and food assistance applications.

If you want to help, but can't volunteer for the count itself, PIT partners are also accepting donations of flashlights, batteries, hand warmers and hygiene products on or before Jan. 24. Other volunteer opportunities include homeless advocacy and data entry.

If you're interested in volunteering for the Count in central Snohomish County (including Everett), please contact Danielle Robadey at [DanielleRo@ccsww.org](mailto:DanielleRo@ccsww.org). To help with the youth

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count, contact Claire Petersen at [Claire.petersen@cocoonhouse.org](mailto:Claire.petersen@cocoonhouse.org). Learn more about the [Point in Time in Snohomish County](#), or [see what the Count is all about](#).

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