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2020 MADERA COUNTY HOMELESS POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

The Community Action Partnership of Madera County, Inc. is working in collaboration with the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care to plan and coordinate the 2020 Homeless Point-In-Time Count.

Madera, CA (January 14, 2020) - The Point-in-Time (PIT) count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January. All entities that receive Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding are required to count the homeless in their jurisdictions. The results from the count will help verify the need for funding to help resolve the homeless problems in Madera County. The amount that the County will be receiving in Housing and Assistance (HAP) funding is calculated based on the previous year's results.

The PIT count in January 2019 enumerated 281 unsheltered homeless and 96 sheltered for a total of 377. This is up from 310 or 21.61% from 2018.

The 2020 Count will take place January 28, 29 and 30, 2020. Volunteers are needed to help count homeless people who reside in Madera County. Teams will be sent to cover all six (6) City of Madera Council Districts and the surrounding County Districts: Fairmead/Chowchilla, North Fork, Oakhurst/Bass Lake, and Coarsegold. Volunteers are not required to sign up to help with all three days. They may sign up to help on the day(s) that work for them. There is a mandatory Point-In-Time orientation at the Community Action Partnership of Madera County (CAPMC) office located 1225 Gill Avenue, Madera, California on January 21, 2020 from 2:00pm-4:00pm.

On January 28, volunteers are asked to arrive by 5:30pm at the CAPMC office. Dinner will be provided. Teams will depart at 6:30pm to go count the homeless. Most of the teams return back to the office between 9:00pm-10:00pm, but the official count time is until 12:00am.

On January 29 and 30, volunteers are asked to arrive by 8:00am at the CAPMC office. Breakfast will be provided. Teams will depart at 9:00am to go survey the homeless. Those who are willing to participate in the survey will receive a personal care kit along with some food items. Teams will survey all the homeless people in their assigned area. The survey period is from 9:00am- 5:00pm.

Donations are also being accepted for items to include in the personal care kits.

For more information on how to sign up to volunteer, please see the attached flyer or contact Ariana Gomez at (559) 664-8212 or agomez@maderacap.org.