

Homeless Advisory Board

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Volunteers Needed to Help with the Annual Homeless Count *Tuesday, January 23*

(Sioux Falls) - The South Dakota Housing for the Homeless Consortium is conducting its annual one-day survey on *January 23, 2018* to count the number of homeless families and individuals throughout South Dakota. The Homeless Advisory Board will be conducting the survey throughout the Sioux Empire.

Volunteers are needed in the Sioux Falls area throughout the day/evening to help survey (ask specific questions) individuals and families in the community who are experiencing homelessness. It is an extraordinary opportunity to talk with people whose life stories may be quite different from your own. With all of the natural disasters that have occurred across the Country this year, including right now in our own Custer, SD, it is a stark reminder that homelessness can happen to anyone at any time.

Volunteers will work in teams and the hours will vary by location.

The Count will be conducted electronically using the Counting Us app that works on all smartphone devices and computer systems. Counting Us was created by SimTech Solutions and its use for our count is sponsored by the SD Housing for the Homeless Consortium. A formal training for interested volunteers on using this application and the survey in general will be held on Thursday, January 18th from 11:45am to 1:00pm in Classroom 1 at the Siouxland Health and Human Services Building.

For additional information or to volunteer please contact:

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