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Local Volunteers and Agencies to Conduct Annual Flint/Genesee County Point in Time Count on Wednesday January 30, 2019
A Collaborative Effort to Assess Those Experiencing Homelessness

FLINT, MI (January 14, 2019) – Local volunteer and agency partners will be performing the HUD Mandated Annual Point in Time (PIT) Count. This count serves as a collaborative effort to count those who are experiencing homelessness in Flint and Genesee County. The data collected during the count is utilized to advocate for future funding, to provide assistance and services to those in need. The Flint/Genesee County Point in Time Count is coordinated by the Flint/Genesee County Continuum of Care—a collaborative group of agencies working together to address homelessness in our area. The annual Flint/Genesee County PIT Count, will take place on from 9 p.m. on January 29, 2019 and going until to 2 a.m. on January 30, 2019.

There are several ways to contribute or assist this effort:

1. Donations/Sponsorship: Personal care items such as winter items, gloves, scarves, socks, hand warmers, portable snacks, toothbrushes, deodorant, feminine hygiene products and more are needed for personal need care bags to be distributed during the Point in Time Count. Donations are being accepted. To make a financial contribution: Please contact Julie Pirtle at (810) 767-4622 ext.320 or jpirtle@metroflint.org to pledge $30, $50, $100, $500, or any amount you can.

2. Volunteer: Over 75 volunteers are needed to canvass the county and count/survey individuals experiencing homelessness. A few hours of your time can make a big impact in your community! There are several positions available (online training is provided & mandatory). All volunteers are assigned to a team with at least one experienced member.
For additional donation or volunteer information please contact Julie Pirtle at Metro Community Development.

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METRO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT exists to develop affordable and sustainable housing options, to foster collaborative community development initiatives, and to build strong partnerships among leaders and organizations within Flint and Genesee County. Our Vision: “Partnering to Build Strong, Vibrant Communities” Our Mission: “We serve as a leader and catalyst to expand and enhance quality housing and community development initiatives for underserved people and communities. We develop partnerships in Flint and Genesee County, including providing financial support, leading to the creation of stable and vibrant neighborhoods and communities.”

THE FLINT/GENESEE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) is a federally mandated body of homeless service providers. The COC works in partnership with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) towards the common goal to end homelessness in the United States within 10 years. Each year the Flint/Genesee County COC applies for funding to support local efforts to prevent and end homelessness.

THE FLINT/GENESEE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) is coordinated by Metro Community Development. Other COC agencies include: the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission, City of Flint, Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties, Family Promise, Training and Treatment Innovations (TTI) , Genesee Intermediate School District (GISD), University of Michigan Flint Social Work Department, Flint Odyssey House, Genesee County Community Action Resource Department (GCCARD), Genesee County Youth Corporation, Hamilton Community Health Network, Genesee Health Systems (formally Genesee County Community Mental Health), My Brothers’ Keeper, Shelter of Flint and the One Stop Housing Resource Center, YWCA Safehouse and many others.

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