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2018 Project Homeless Connect and Point in Time Count scheduled for January 25th

On Thursday, January 25th, the 11th annual Project Homeless Connect will take place from 9am-2pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 400 S. Andresen Road in Vancouver. Project Homeless Connect is a one-day service event to help people living without homes easily access a variety of resources in one place. Offerings will include housing information, dental care, vision exams and glasses, haircuts, help signing up for social service benefits, employment resources, clothing, hygiene kits, foot washing, and a meal. New this year is supervised childcare. Anyone who is without a home is encouraged to attend. There were 276 attendees at 2017 Project Homeless Connect. Photos from the 2017 event can be found at <http://www.councilforthehomeless.org/project-homeless-connect/>.

The same day, the annual countywide census of persons without homes, known as the Point In Time Count, will take place. The count provides a one-day snapshot of what homelessness looks like in our community. Staff from partner agencies, groups and volunteers work with Council for the Homeless to divide the county into ten zones. Teams travel to the zones early Thursday morning and throughout the day to engage with people they find who are living outside, in a tent, in a trailer with no running water, or in their car. Staff and volunteers ask people about themselves including their last zip code, demographics, and circumstances that contributed to them becoming homeless. In addition, homelessness service programs (such as Project Homeless Connect, meal sites, and emergency shelters) count the number of people they serve that day. An important aspect of the count is to “unduplicate” people who may be counted more than once.

Project Homeless Connect and the Point in Time Count are managed by Council for the Homeless with support from numerous community partners and volunteers.

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