

Point In Time Count

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Monday: 9-12

Tuesday: 1-4

Wednesday 9-12

Thursday: CLOSED

Friday: 9-12



We need volunteers!

- **What is a Point in Time count?**

The annual Point in Time Count is a 24 hour count of the homeless in Anderson County.

- **Who counts the homeless?**

Volunteers go out into the community and count homeless individuals.

- **How do volunteers count?**

Volunteers go in groups of 2 or 3 into the community to assigned locations and look for homeless individuals. (Examples of places we look: parking lots, parks, around sources of water, and greenways)Volunteers complete a short survey concerning the homeless individual such as age, gender, where they slept last night ect.

Then they return the surveys to TORCH.

- **Why is this important?**

Congress uses the data collected on the night of the Point In Time Count to make funding allocation decisions. This data helps bring more resources into our county. To help those who need it the most.

- **What is the time commitment to volunteer?**

Volunteers for the count must attend an hour long volunteer training to learn how to complete the survey. Trainings will be held on **Thursday, January 16th, at 6:00 pm, and Thursday, January 23rd at 10:00 am.** Both trainings will be held at the TORCH building at 320 Robertsville Road Oak Ridge, TN 37830.

At the training volunteers will sign up for 3 hour time commitment for the PIT count on January 28th, 2013.

- **How do I volunteer?**

Contact Zabrina Minor at 865-318-4788 ext 3 or via email zabrina@oakridgetorch.org



Anderson County has been conducting the Point In Time count since 2011. In 2013 we developed the Rapid Response team for Anderson County and presented individuals who were found to be homeless on the night of the Point In Time count with an opportunity to access resources and assistance.

Rapid Response Team of Anderson County

What is a Rapid Response team?

- A rapid response team is a group of social services agencies, churches and emergency response persons who come together to assist the homeless individuals identified on the day of the point in time count in accessing all resources available to them.

How can my church/group help?

- Sign up for making a meal--Breakfast, Lunch or dinner January 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th Contact Zabrina Minor to do so.
- Collect and donate blankets, coats, scarves, hats, gloves, hygiene products, gas cards, food cards and/or emergency food supplies (can openers, cans, utensils, plates/bowls, ect)
- Volunteer on the day/night of the Point in Time Count.
- Pledge to donate a # of nights in a hotel for homeless individuals identified on the night of the count.
- Have your church sponsor the initial costs of getting a family into housing! Electric Deposits, gas deposit, first months rent, security deposit.

Who is a part of Anderson County's Rapid Response team?

- Legal Aide
- Ridgeview
- United Way
- TORCH
- Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless
- Chapel on the Hill Church
- First United Methodist Church
- Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church
- Red Cross

How does my church sign up to be a part of the Rapid Response team to provide service to the homeless in our community?

- Contact Zabrina Minor at 865-318-4788 ext 3 or email at zabrina@oakridgetorch.org
- Or fill out the attached form and return it to 320 Robertsville Road Oak Ridge, Suite 5 TN 37830 and we will contact you directly.