



January 29, 2008

On January 29th, Burke County and its non-profit partners, will be conducting a countywide homeless population count.

WHY DO A HOMELESS COUNT?

The providers of homeless services in Burke County regularly seek grant funding from state and federal agencies, and private funders to support their efforts countywide. This "Point-In-Time" count of the county's homeless population helps to confirm the need for these funds, and can be used to adjust service needs as appropriate.

A HEAD COUNT OF PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS:

This Point-In-Time Count will be done on the evening of *Tuesday, January 29, 2008*. Volunteers will be conducting a short survey using a short questionnaire of those persons who consider themselves homeless at the Burke United Christian Ministries and the Christian Outreach Center on this evening.

You may also meet volunteers on the street and at camp sties that evening. These teams will be distributing care packages and blankets. These teams may be accompanied by Public Safety Officers and Sherriff Deputies. However, *it is not the intent of these teams to harass or dislodge you*. The teams are there only to conduct the count so area agencies can better meet your needs.

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