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Help is Needed for Point-in-Time Count of Anoka County Homeless January 25

Volunteers are needed to assist the Anoka County Continuum of Care with a countywide point-in-time count of people who are homeless living in Anoka County. The count will include men, women, and children living in shelters, on the street, and other places not meant for human habitation, as well as people living in substandard housing or living with family or friends.

The count will take place Wednesday, January 25, 2012, beginning at 12 a.m. and ending at 11:59 p.m. at various locations throughout the county, including homeless shelters, city streets, and other known homeless encampments.

“This count provides a snapshot of how many [people](#) and families are without a permanent place to live on a given night in our community,” said Anoka County Commissioner Rhonda Sivarajah, who chairs the county’s Human Services Committee. “The information is used to determine the level of funding available for homeless assistance from the federal government and also helps us measure the progress made in efforts to end homelessness.” Last year more than 1,400 people were without a permanent place to [live](#) in Anoka County.

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Point-in-Time Count of Anoka County Homeless January 25 – Add 1

The Continuum of Care is a network of organizations, community residents, and businesses working together to end homelessness in Anoka County. For more information about the homeless count or to volunteer, contact Kristina Hayes at 763-323-5707 or kristina.hayes@co.anoka.mn.us.

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