



***COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS –
LIKE YOU – ARE NEEDED!
Count & Survey of Sheltered and
Unsheltered Homeless Persons***

In January 2007, the County of Orange and its non-profit partners, 2-1-1 Orange County and OC Partnership, will be conducting the second biennial countywide homeless population count.

WHY DO A HOMELESS COUNT?

The providers of homeless services in Orange 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.

ENUMERATION – A head count of persons experiencing homelessness:

We need **over 1,000 volunteers** to actively participate in the process for counting individuals and families on the street and in sheltered facilities. This Point-In-Time Count will be done on **Thursday, January 25, 2007**. Following a screening process, selected volunteers are required to attend training in early January. The day of the count, volunteers will be asked to meet at one of several deployment centers in order to meet their team members and receive their final location maps.

SURVEYS – Interview process to gather specific information about the homeless population:

On **Friday, January 26, 2007**, after the completion of the enumeration process, volunteers will again be needed to survey a smaller sample of homeless persons, through one-on-one interviews using a short questionnaire.

ARE YOU THE TYPE OF VOLUNTEER WE’RE LOOKING FOR?

- Are you over the age of 18? For those under 18, with parental approval, there may still be a role for you!
- Can you walk 1 to 2 miles unassisted, as a potential enumerator and/or surveyor?
- Are you bilingual? If you can read and speak Spanish or Vietnamese, you can fill a special set of volunteer needs.
- People from all professions and walks of life are encouraged to volunteer, for example:
 - County and city employees
 - Police and fire agency employees
 - College students
 - Employees of shelters or other service providers
 - Faith-based community members
 - Service or other civic organization members
 - *And anyone with a heart for this special population!*

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