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RE: 2024 Point-in-Time Unsheltered Homeless Count

To whom it may concern,

Every year, Centre County takes part in a nationwide initiative called Point-in-Time (PIT) to provide outreach and collect valuable data on our unsheltered homeless population. Often times, this population may be found living in a tent, a car, a hallway, a campground site, abandoned building, or even under a bridge. They may also be finding respite at various retailers, restaurants, libraries, and other community buildings during the day.

This year, teams will be out in the community on Thursday, January 25th looking to connect with the unsheltered homeless population to ask where they slept the night before (Wednesday, January 24th), provide care packages, and offer assistance. Additionally, teams want to connect with individuals/families who are homeless, but “doubled-up” (i.e. staying with family and/or friends), and not considered unsheltered for the PIT count. This would give teams the opportunity to provide information about our county’s emergency, temporary, and permanent housing options.

In an effort to connect with these individuals/families, we are asking for your assistance. If you know the whereabouts of someone who is unsheltered or “doubling-up”, please contact the Office of Adult Services no later than Tuesday, January 23rd.

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Thank you in advance for your help during our effort to assist those in need!

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