



Your chance to be a part of the solution!

Charlotte Vulnerability Index

February 22 – 26, 2010

Partners for the Study:

Charlotte Housing Authority

Urban Ministry Center

Homeless Services Network

Charlotte Mecklenburg Homeless Support Services

Common Ground Institute

City of Charlotte: Housing & Neighborhood Development

and YOU!

What

We will be creating by-name registry of people living on our streets so that we can prioritize those who have been homeless the longest and who are the most vulnerable. Volunteers will go to shelters and out on the streets and attempt to survey all adults who are chronic and disabled homeless.

Why

Personalizing the problem inspires action! *This registry is a new research tool already used by 15 cities across the country to put names, faces and medical conditions to homeless people on streets and get the most likely to die on the streets into housing.*

How to help

1) Volunteer to Survey: *We will need 80 volunteers!*

Mandatory Volunteer Training:

Monday, February 22nd 4 to 6pm, Myers Park Presbyterian Church

Survey: Tuesday, Wednesday AND Thursday, February 23-25

Three shifts available: (Pick one shift time or more if you are able)

1st shift Shelters/agencies: 9 am to 12 pm

2nd shift Shelters/agencies: 12 pm to 3pm

3rd Shift Streets/camps: 5 am to 8 am

Priority will be given to those who can help one shift all three days

(For example: commit to Tuesday, Wednesday, AND Thursday 9-12 shift)

We know we're asking a lot, but volunteers from other cities that have done this have remarked that it was one of the most meaningful things they've ever done. We promise we will make it rewarding and fun!

Register online to volunteer

<https://commonground.wufoo.com/forms/volunteer-for-homeless-registry-week-in-charlotte/>

2) Attend community forum

The findings will be presented to the community by Common Ground Institute on

Friday, February 26th 10am Myers Park Presbyterian Church

We welcome everyone to attend and learn more about how we're going to end homelessness together!

If you would like more information, please contact

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