

Volunteer for the Chicago Point-in-Time Homeless Count 8 PM - 2 AM Thursday, January 26th, 2017 – Citywide



What?

The Point-In-Time Homeless Count provides the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) with a “snapshot” of Chicago’s homeless population. All persons in shelter are counted and a sample is interviewed. On the street, teams will search public spaces and streets, parks, viaducts, CTA lines, and more. Homeless persons are tallied or interviewed if possible.



Why?

The data gathered on the homeless in Chicago is required and serves as a basis for federal funding, for service and resource planning, and to raise public awareness about homelessness.



Who?

Anyone 18 or older can register and select one of many locations to meet that night. No experience necessary. You will be assigned to a team of 3 or 4 people with at least one person having experience. The Chicago Police Department, Aviation, Chicago Park District, CTA, and CHA assist complete the canvas.



When?

Arrive at 8PM to receive training. Teams are dispatched around 10PM and will ride along in a team members’ vehicle. The team will canvas the streets and public spaces. A team may need until 2AM to cover the assigned area and conduct the 20 minute surveys.



How?

Teams receive tally forms and surveys along with a map of a specific area in the City. DFSS also provides hats, gloves, and socks to distribute. You will be in and out of the vehicle as you canvas 24-hour establishments and other public spaces. Dress warmly. One survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. All teams must return to the meeting site to submit all the forms.

To register, visit : www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017ChicagoHomelessCount

Locations of volunteer sites:

North Lakefront

Mercy Housing Lakefront
4946 North Sheridan Road

South

FeatherFist
2255 East 75th Street

North Central

The Night Ministry
4711 North Ravenswood Avenue

Southwest

Thresholds
747 West 47th Street

Northwest

Polish American Association
3834 North Cicero Avenue

Far South

Olive Branch Mission
6310 South Claremont Avenue

Downtown

Thresholds
4101 North Ravenswood Avenue

West (East of Kedzie)

Deborah's Place
2822 West Jackson Boulevard

Citywide**

Dept. of Family and Support Services
10 South Kedzie Avenue

West (West of Kedzie)

A Safe Haven
2750 West Roosevelt Road



For more information and to view a short webinar about volunteering,
please visit

www.cityofchicago.org/fss

OR email homelesscount@cityofchicago.org