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Point In Time Census Volunteer

Location: Assigned County in Service Area

Reports to: Volunteer Manager

Dates/ Hours Anticipated: January 29th 2025, 5pm to 12am

Job Summary: Local Homeless Providers & Stakeholders will survey the community to conduct what's known as a Point in Time Census. This census allows us to gather data and information about the need for housing programs in our area. Staff and volunteers are tasked with going into the community to observe the number of people experiencing homelessness in our 17-county community: Allamakee, Bremer, Butler, Buchanan, Chickasaw, Clayton, Howard, Fayette, Winneshiek, Kossuth, Winnebago, Hancock, Franklin, Cerro Gordo, Worth, Mitchell and Floyd.

What You Will Do:

- Attend training about PIT Census around safety while conducting the census
- Work as a team to survey the designed area
 - Volunteers work in teams of 2 or 3 with staff and/or community partners and survey 1-2 counties in the 17-county area
 - Teams will travel to parks, businesses, and other identified areas to look for people who might be experiencing homelessness.
 - Assigned counties will be determined based on location of volunteers
- Collect and report requested demographic from any person living unsheltered on the night of the census
- Give resources to any person found to be living unsheltered on the night of, including but not limited to shelter resources, completing paperwork to get the person connected with housing program and/ or other items such as water, clothing, food or blankets

Qualifications:

- Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age

Support and Training Provided:

- Volunteers will be briefed during training on safety and information collected
- Volunteers will be paired with staff and/or community partners
- Volunteers will be provided with resources that can be offered to any individuals surveyed
- Volunteers will be reimbursed for mileage if asked and/or required to drive their own vehicles

For more information or if interested, please email Madison Gaffney, Volunteer Manager, at madison@fofia.org with the subject line "PIT Volunteer".