

# HOMELESS COUNT 2009

## Volunteers Needed

- ≡ Do you care about the plight of the homeless people on the streets of Contra Costa County?
- ≡ Do you wish there were more housing and services to help people who truly want help?
- ≡ Are you frustrated with inadequate funding that doesn't meet the needs of our community?

**Then JOIN US** in the 2009 Homeless Count and  
**make a difference in YOUR community!**

**January 28, 2009  
6:00 - 8:00 a.m.**

**Drivers & Counters Needed for East, West and Central County Locations**

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Every two years, Contra Costa County has the opportunity to affect the amount of money that comes to our county for homeless services by **documenting the extent of homelessness in our county** through a **point-in-time count** of unsheltered homeless persons. **This is a massive effort requiring hundreds of caring volunteers who are willing to donate 3-4 hours of their time, but the rewards are many.** Counts document the extent of the problem for funders, establish baseline data for historical purposes, and help us better understand the causes of homelessness so more effective responses can be developed.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Volunteer **TODAY** to attend a one-hour training at a location (TBD), then help count on January 28<sup>th</sup>. **A four-hour investment of your time next month could mean a LIFETIME of difference to a homeless family living on the streets in cold and rainy weather!**

To sign up for a training session and volunteer at the count, please contact Rachel Goldman at (510) 282-7840, or at [rachel@homebaseccc.org](mailto:rachel@homebaseccc.org) by January 16, 2009.