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Annual Count to Address Homelessness

Rockford – On January 25, 2021 beginning at 3pm and continuing until 3pm the following day, the City of Rockford Human Services staff in partnership with the Northern Illinois Homeless Coalition, Park District Police, and Rockford Fire Department will participate in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Annual Point in Time (PIT) Count of the Homeless. The PIT will cover Boone, Winnebago, and DeKalb Counties. The participants will visit drop in centers, emergency rooms, parks, abandoned buildings and other locations where homeless citizens frequent, to complete a survey and collect important data to determine the estimated number of people currently experiencing literal homelessness. Along with collecting data, agency volunteers will also work to engage the homeless and begin the process of working with them toward permanent housing options.

The Point in Time Count is required by HUD and must be completed within the last 10 days of January across the country. The information from the count is used to inform local and national policy through the Annual Homeless Assessment Report. Precautions will be taken this year to ensure safety of volunteers and homeless persons in response to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

For more information on the Point in Time, contact Angie Walker, City of Rockford Homeless Program Coordinator, at 779-348-7567 or by email at angie.walker@rockfordil.gov. You can also visit Northern Illinois Homeless Coalition website at www.rockriverhomelesscoalition.com or Facebook/NorthernIllinoisHomelessCoalition.