

Calgary Homeless Foundation Announces 2024 Point-in-Time (PiT) Count

Calgary, AB – October 2, 2024 – Calgary Homeless Foundation (CHF) is set to conduct the 2024 Point-in-Time (PiT) Count on Thursday, October 10, from 8:00 pm to 12:30 am. This biennial initiative aims to provide a one-night snapshot of those experiencing homelessness in Calgary. This snapshot allows the identification of sector trends and strengthens support for our city's most vulnerable populations.

Since 1992, Calgary has conducted a PiT Count every two years. The 2022 PiT Count found that a total of 2,782 individuals were experiencing some form of homelessness in Calgary. Overall, 71% of individuals experiencing homelessness were sheltered and 29% unsheltered.

The PiT Count offers an essential measure of both sheltered and unsheltered homelessness at the community level and, when combined with other PiT Counts conducted across Canada, presents a national picture of those experiencing homelessness. It is critical to understand that this data represents a singular snapshot of one specific date and cannot fully capture the total of those experiencing homelessness in Calgary. Furthermore, the PiT count is one approach among many used to gain a better understanding of the overall picture of homelessness in Calgary.

The 2024 count will gather data from shelters, transitional housing, correctional and health facilities, as well as a street count of unsheltered and sheltered individuals, including those living in vehicles, tents, and makeshift shelters.

Trained volunteers from outreach groups will conduct the street count, equipped with essential items to support those they encounter. Calgary Homeless Foundation prioritizes the safety of both volunteers and the individuals being counted, providing necessary training and resources to ensure a respectful and effective count.

To ensure the privacy, safety and dignity of those being counted, media will not be permitted to accompany volunteers. Patricia Jones, CHF's CEO and President, will be available for media interviews on the evening of the PiT Count to provide insights into the process and its significance. Further details regarding the time and location for these interviews will be released as we approach the date of the Count.

A final report from this year's count will be released in December 2024.

About Calgary Homeless Foundation (CHF):

Calgary Homeless Foundation commits to guide the fight against homelessness. We are uniquely positioned to observe the many complicated factors that affect those faced with or experiencing homelessness. Our broad line of sight gives us a deep understanding of the cause-and-effect dynamics of homelessness. This insight, delivered as an arm's length advisor, enables us to inspire governments, service providers and our community to undertake a shared responsibility to maximize our collective impact in the fight against homelessness.

Although homelessness may never disappear entirely, we envision the day when homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring—perhaps an episode in someone's life, but never a condition that defines one's life.

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