



Homeless Count

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

SAVE THESE DATES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00PM

SPA 2 — SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

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SPA 7 — EAST LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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8:00PM

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Los Angeles has the highest street homeless population in the nation. Every day we see them – men, women and children with no place to call home. But we don't have to accept homelessness as an unsolvable problem. With your help we can end homelessness.

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) is the lead agency responsible for coordinating the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count – an on-the-ground census of our homeless neighbors in need of support. With the assistance of over 6,000 volunteers, we will conduct the largest Homeless Count in the nation between January 24-26, 2017 to determine the number and scope of individuals and families residing on the streets, in shelters and other institutions serving the homeless across Los Angeles. Data from the Count will allow us to target resources to those most in need and raise awareness of an epidemic impacting more than 47,000 people in our midst.

We are actively seeking an alliance to help eradicate homelessness and support the thousands of volunteers who lend their valuable time, talents and resources to this effort. Partnering with the Homeless Count is a meaningful way to give back to the communities in which you operate. It connects you with your constituents, members, and customers engaged in this vital issue, while garnering recognition in Homeless Count online and offline promotions.

There are many types of potential partnerships to support the 2017 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, including:

- **Volunteer!** Signing up a team of employees to volunteer for the Homeless Count. You can sign up at www.theycountwillyou.org
- **Donate!** Providing in-kind donations or store credits for food and beverages for volunteers at deployment sites during the Homeless Count or for prizes/giveaways for Super Volunteers.
- **Spread the word!** Sharing information about the Homeless Count and calling for volunteers through your advertising, outreach or other communications channels (e.g. newsletters, social media channels, online forums).
- **Advertise!** Hanging posters/sharing tiers in your business, non-profit, community venue or house of worship.
- **Host a training!** Inviting a Homeless Count representative to speak at a community event or business forum – to shine a light on the issue of homelessness in Los Angeles and engage volunteers.

LAHSA is a Joint Powers Authority created by the City and County of Los Angeles to address the problems and solutions around homelessness on a regional level. LAHSA is a tax-exempt political subdivision of the State of California.

We are excited to explore how we can mutually benefit in serving our community and helping to stem the tide of homelessness among the many at-risk men, women and children among us. Your generosity will provide the resources necessary for a successful campaign.





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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Q How does counting homeless persons help to reduce and end homelessness?

A We need to know the size and scope of homelessness throughout Los Angeles County. In order to make a difference in the lives of our homeless residents, we need to know who they are and where they reside; the count is the first step to our goal of helping homeless persons find permanent housing. The data gathered from the count allows us to assess how and where homeless persons can best be served.

Q I've never done this before. How will I know how to count homeless people?

A All volunteers will be fully trained and provided with equipment and materials.

Q Can I select which area I want to volunteer in?

A Yes! We encourage volunteers to count in the community they are most familiar with! Visit www.TheyCountWillYou.org to register and indicate your area preference.

Q What is the time commitment and expected schedule for the Homeless Count?

A Please reference the left sidebar for scheduling, but the time commitment is generally 3–5 hours for most volunteer roles on the day/night of the Count. However, if you would like to also volunteer before and after the Count, please let us know when you register.

Q What will I be doing as a volunteer?

A There are many ways you can participate to make the Homeless Count a success. Volunteering opportunities include:

- **Volunteer Trainers** to be responsible for training all Volunteer Counters at a specific deployment site for up to 4 hours on the day/night of the Count. Trainers take on a leadership role and must be comfortable giving direction.
- **Volunteer Counters, Drivers or Navigators** to receive training and materials on the day of the Count from trained volunteers and be deployed in groups of 2 – 4 to count specific blocks in an area. Each position will be outside counting for up to 4 hours.
- **Office Volunteers** making phone calls to recruit volunteers; helping with data entry; providing support at Headquarters. Shifts of 2–4 hours on the night of the Count. You can also decide if you want to volunteer before, during and/or after the Count.

Q Can I invite others to join?

A Yes! Once you're registered, you can invite as many people as you would like by simply sending them the deployment site registration link.

Q I'm younger than 18, Can I volunteer?

A Yes! Youth 17 years and younger can sign up as volunteers to work at LAHSA before, during, and/or after the Count. On the night of the Count they can also work 2-4 hours at a deployment site. However, youth can **not** participate as street count volunteers.