

NEWS RELEASE



One hundred Volunteers Needed – Annual Point-In-Time Count on January 24th, 2022.

Opening Doors Northwest Florida is looking for volunteers for the 2022 Point-In-Time Count on Monday, January 24th, 2022!

How many people are currently homeless in Escambia and Santa Rosa County? How many of them are families, youth, or veterans? How many are disabled? The answers to these questions and more are answered by the Opening Doors NWFL point-in-time counts. A point-in-time count is an unduplicated count on a single night of the people in a community who are experiencing homelessness that includes both sheltered and unsheltered populations.

Volunteers will be stationed at meal sites, day shelters, street corners and camps to complete surveys of people experiencing homelessness.

What is the Point in Time (PIT) Count?

The PIT is a national, annual census and survey of the homeless population. The information collected during the PIT is used to help assess how we are doing as a community, and as a nation, to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness.

And what are my duties as a volunteer?

As a volunteer, you can join a survey team to collect data via a Mobile App survey tool or a paper form if you prefer not to use the App.

All volunteers will be paired with a Team Leader at your site location with assignments.

Requirements: Friendly and compassionate personality, attention to detail, ability to fill out written survey documents and reliable transportation, as this survey is conducted in locations throughout Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.

Who can volunteer?

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old to participate.

Where and What time can I volunteer?

Volunteer opportunities are available in Santa Rosa and Escambia counties. This event occurs throughout the day of January 24th, so time frames will vary depending on the county and site location within the area. You will have the option to choose your specific site and time slot on the registration form.

Is Training Available? Yes!

Location: Opening Doors NWFL

1020 North New Warrington Road, Pensacola Florida

January 19th, 2pm live virtual training. A video of the meeting will be emailed to you after the meeting for you to watch any time before the day of the count. There will be a quiz, and your score on that quiz will determine if you can volunteer.

Training will provide you with an overview of the PIT count and review the mobile App survey tool and paper survey we utilize to collect the required information needed to complete our annual census.

The training will also review best practices, safety precautions and COVID-19 protocols.

How can I volunteer?

Scan the QR code on the registration site, fill out on-line application.

When is the official Point in Time Count?

Monday, January 24th, 2022

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