

Contra Costa County 2017 Homelessness Awareness Toolkit

Promoting education, advocacy, and service to end homelessness in our community

During the month of November, Contra Costa will join national efforts to increase awareness and promote solutions to ending homelessness. Last year over 6,100 homeless men, women, and children in Contra Costa County used homeless services. We each play a part in ending homelessness in our community.

How will you get involved?



Educate

- ✓ Know the statistics of homeless in your community
- ✓ Learn about [our strategies](#) to end homelessness
- ✓ Learn how to [connect](#) people facing homelessness to services.



Advocate

- ✓ [Talk to your city/town council](#) about options to help address homelessness in your community.
- ✓ Encourage landlords to [learn more](#) about renting to homeless individuals
- ✓ Forward/repost this toolkit to others interested in homelessness



Service

- ✓ [Donate](#) to the Contra Costa Housing Security Fund
- ✓ [Volunteer](#) with your local church or service provider
- ✓ [Donate items](#) to a local homeless provider



of Homeless
Veterans*



of Homeless
Families with
children*










of Homeless
Seniors 55+

*Data from 2016 Contra Costa Continuum of Care Service Data

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November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
	Grab extra toiletries next time you stay at a hotel and donate them when you return. 			"Storied Streets" Screening: WALNUT CREEK		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Research upcoming coat drives in your area. 		Outstanding Landlord and Outstanding Volunteer Awards Presented	Donate to the Contra Costa Housing Security Fund!	 VETERANS DAY		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Consider donating to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Holiday Fund Drive 		"Storied Streets" Screening: RICHMOND	Project Hope Memorial Event	Together We Give Events Shelter Inc. Holiday Box Assembly	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Thanksgiving Multi-Faith Celebration and Service		Check with local congregations to see if they need help serving food on Thanksgiving. 		THANKSGIVING DAY First Lutheran Church Meal Salute Meal Trinity Center Meal		
26	27	28	29	30		
Clean out your closets this weekend and donate extra clothes 			Homeless Awareness Community Conversation			

HOMELESS AWARENESS MONTH EVENTS

Below is a list of open houses and tours that homeless service providers in Contra Costa County will be offering during Homeless Awareness Month.

Thursday, November 2nd

“Storied Streets” Film Screening and Discussion- WALNUT CREEK

7 pm – 9 pm

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 1924 Trinity Ave, Walnut Creek

FREE (\$10 suggested donation)

“Storied Streets” explores homelessness across America by telling the stories of those who live it every day. The journey starts in LA and ends in New York covering 13 cities across the country. Join us for a film viewing, snacks and discussion.

To register, go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/walnut-creek-screening-of-storied-streets-for-homeless-awareness-month-tickets-38444835538?aff=Newsletter>

Tuesday, November 7th

Council on Homelessness receives Proclamation from Contra Costa Board of Supervisors and present Volunteer and Landlord Awards

9:30 am (check to see when on agenda [here](#))

651 Pine Street, Martinez (Board Chambers)

Members of the Council on Homelessness will receive a proclamation from the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors declaring November Homelessness Awareness month. Council on Homelessness members will also formally present the Outstanding Volunteer and Outstanding Landlord awards. Community members are encouraged to attend and to stand while speakers talk as a show of support for the Board’s continued focus on homelessness.

Wednesday, November 15th

“Storied Streets” Film Screening and Discussion- RICHMOND

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Nevin Community Center, 598 Nevin Avenue, Richmond

FREE (\$10 suggested donation)

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To register, go to : <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/richmond-screening-of-storied-streets-for-homeless-awareness-month-tickets-39027627685?aff=Newsletter>

Friday, November 17th

Project Hope Memorial Event

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (lunch at Noon)

Concord United Methodist Church, 1645 West Street, Concord

Thirteenth annual Memorial Service- a celebration of life for the homeless men and women who have passed over the last year. Lunch provided by Church Women United and Anka Behavioral Health. To volunteer or donate, please call Shayne Kaleo at 925-435-3650

Saturday, November 18th

SHELTER, Inc. Food Sorting and Holiday Box Assembly

9:00am - Noon

Shelter Inc. Main Office, 1333 Willow Pass Road, Suite 206, Concord, CA 94520

We are in need of volunteers to help create Thanksgiving Food Boxes for families in our programs. If you are interested in donating food or volunteering for this event, please contact our Resource Coordinator, Contact Theresita Gonzalez, Community Resource Coordinator at TheresitaG@shelterinc.org or call (925) 957-7561.

Please note that we are only able to accommodate the first 10 volunteers.

Together We Give

CENTRAL COUNTY

9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

1965 Colfax Street, Concord

EAST COUNTY

9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Antioch Police Department

300 L Street, Antioch

WEST COUNTY

9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

GRIP Souper Center

165 22nd Street, Richmond, CA

On November 18th, clean out your closets, recycle, donate and help others through Together We Give's Community Donation Day. **For details about what items are being requested at each location, go to www.togetherwegive.org.**

Sunday, November 19th

Thanksgiving Multi-Faith Celebration and Service

4 p.m.

Hillcrest Congregational Church, 404 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill

Share gratitude for abundance - Commit to confronting poverty. Gather in community! Faith leaders from across the County with a Multi-Faith choir. For more information contact the Multi-Faith ACTION Coalition at contactmfac@gmail.com.

Thursday, November 23rd

First Lutheran Church Free Thanksgiving Meal

11:30 am – 2:00 pm

First Lutheran Church, 4000 Concord Blvd., Concord

All people in need in the Concord area will have the opportunity to join us on Thanksgiving Day for a hot, home style meal served with love. Several local churches are planning the ninth annual Giving Thanks at Thanksgiving. This meal is for anyone in need of a hot meal, cooked with love, on Thanksgiving. To arrange transportation in the local Concord area, contact us by phone by Wed 11/22 at 925-483-4913. For more information, visit www.flcconcord.org/.

Salute's 6th Annual Giving Thanks Event

10 am and Noon seatings

Salute Restaurant, 1900 Esplanade, Marina Bay, Richmond CA 94804

Menbere "Menbe" Aklilu, Salute's owner and founder of what has become one of Richmond's proudest traditions, expects to serve a record 1300 guests in two seatings at this year's Thanksgiving feast on November 23. She's coordinating with local shelters, churches and nonprofits that serve veterans, the homeless, women and children, and elderly communities in West Contra Costa County, and will provide a shuttle for guests back and forth from their sites. Call Salute at 510-215-0803 for more information.

Trinity Center Thanksgiving Meal

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1924 Trinity Avenue, Walnut Creek.

Last year, with the help of donations from the Contra Costa and Solano Food Bank, Share the Spirit program (Volunteer Centers of the East Bay), Trinity Center staff and volunteers, St. Paul's volunteers and volunteers from the community, we served over 120 meals. We hope to serve this many folks again this year! Volunteers can email carol@trinitycenterwc.org to sign up.

Wednesday, November 29th

Homeless Awareness Community Conversation

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Library Community Room, 2900 Salvio Street, Concord

Join a community conversation about homelessness hosted by homeless service provider Shelter, Inc of Contra Costa County and the Concord library.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Below is a list of volunteer opportunities with the Contra Costa Council on Homelessness. Some of the opportunities are available throughout the year, and others are specific to the Fall and Winter holidays.

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing

What?

Tutoring youth in afterschool programs

When?

Varies

Contact?

Email Gloria@ccinterfaithhousing.org or call 925-448-2004.

Loaves and Fishes

What?

Help serve meals in Martinez and Pittsburg dining rooms

When?

Monday- Friday, 9:30 am – 1: 15 pm

Contact?

Email eleonor@loavesfishescc.org, or call 925-293-4792

Monument Crisis Center

What?

Volunteer in our Food Distribution Program

When?

November

Contact?

Email Volunteer@monumentcrisiscenter.org for times or days

Trinity Center

What?

Evening Program volunteers including cooks, van drivers, floor monitors, weekend breakfast/lunch bags.

When?

December 4- March 31st

Contact?

Coordinator:

Pam McGrath, <mailto:pamm@trinitycenterwc.org>

Trinity Center

What?

Thanksgiving food prep and serving

When?

November 23rd

Contact? Carol Lombard, 925-949-8712 or <mailto:carol@trinitycenterwc.org>

DONATION WISH LIST

Below is a list of partner agencies in the Contra Costa Council on Homelessness and their donation wish lists. These are items that can be donated throughout the year:

Calli House Youth Shelter

- Twin size bedding (sheets and comforters)
- Pillows
- Bath towels
- Hygiene products: shampoo, body soap, deodorant, lotion, feminine products, sponges, toothbrushes/paste, hairproducts, flipflops, shaving cream/razors
- Clothing: socks, tshirts, male/female undergarments, pajamas
- School supplies
- Gift cards for youth birthdays, moving into permanent housing, etc. (safeway, Target, Walmart, Dollar Store, Movie theater, payless shoes)
- Warm coats
- Umbrellas
- Pots/pans
- Arts/crafts supplies
- Duffle bags/small suitcases for youth to travel between programs
- Gently used adult sized bikes

Call (510) 541-7562 to coordinate drop off

Contra Costa Housing Security Fund

The Contra Costa Housing Security Fund is a community fund that covers costs that can prevent many people, including seniors, veterans and families from getting back into housing and protects property owners who offer these screened renters an opportunity.

To donate, go to <http://tinyurl.com/HousingSecurityFund>

Resources for Renters

Credit Check
Application fees
Utility deposit
Utility arrears
Rental Assistance (short term)
Security Deposit

Resources for Landlords

Repair damage to units
Pay past-due rent (eviction prevention)
Increased security deposit

The fund is utilized by service providers in the Contra Costa Homeless Continuum of Care, is managed by the Contra Costa Crisis Center and held by the Contra Costa Regional Health Foundation. All donations are tax-deductible.

To donate, go to <http://tinyurl.com/HousingSecurityFund>

For questions about the fund, please email jaime.jenett@hsd.cccounty.us.

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing

- Grocery gift cards
- Diapers
- Feminine Hygiene products
- Bed Bug mattress encasements (all sizes)

Call 925-448-2004 or email Gloria@ccinterfaithhousing.org to coordinate drop off.

First Lutheran Church

- New socks, all sizes
- New or gently used blankets/sleeping bags
- Coats & gloves for distribution after the meal.

These items will be distributed at the “Giving Thanks at Thanksgiving” dinner offered on Thanksgiving day. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

You may bring any donations to First Lutheran Church at First Lutheran Church and brought or mailed to 4000 Concord Blvd, Concord, CA 94519. If you have any questions, call 925-483-4913

Loaves and Fishes

- Canned chicken, beef, tuna, hearty soups with protein, chili, beef stews
- Cans of vegetables
- Low Sugar Cereals
- Peanut Butter
- Rice, beans, pasta

Email leanor@loavesfishescc.org, or call 925-293-4792 We also welcome cash donations to help fund our program! You can donate now at www.loavesfishescc.org.

Monument Crisis Center December Cheer (Nov 28th- Dec 26th)

- New tarps 6x8 or 8x10
 - Ready-to-eat food items
 - P-51 Can openers
 - Hygiene Kits (shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, floss)
 - Feminine Hygiene Products
 - Grocery Push Carts
- (<http://www.acehardware.com/product/index.jsp?productId=11791969&cp=2568443.10768931.1253350.1256370.1254882.1255092.1306432.1260115>)

Go to <http://www.monumentcrisiscenter.org/events> for more information.

Email or call Danny Scherer at dscherer@monumentcrisiscenter.org for more details.

Trinity Center

- Non-perishable food items
- Clothing
- Blankets
- Warm coats
- Holiday gift cards

Call 925-949-8712 to coordinate drop off

Winter Nights

- Automobiles
- Gas, BART and bus cards
- Packing or duct tape
- Industrial dispenser for packing tape
- Sleeping bags (new or cleaned)
- Umbrella strollers (single & double)
- Pillows
- Twin size plastic mattress covers – non zipped
- Fitted single sheets (new or used)
- Target/Walmart cards
- Movie theater gift certificates
- Sanitary wipes
- Wardrobe boxes(24x21x48 size)

Call 925-933-6030 or email eye4cee@aol.com to coordinate drop off

White Pony Express Cold Weather Clothing Project

- Heavy Coats
- Hats
- Scarves
- Boots
- Socks
- Gloves
- Ponchos
- Ground cloths
- Sleeping bags

Bring your donation to our Workshop at 3380 Vincent Road, Suite 101, Pleasant Hill, CA, 94523 (far north end of the complex where there is a raised loading dock and a bell for service) during Workshop hours:

- **Mon.-Fri.: 3:00—5:00 pm**
- **Mon.: 7:00—9:00 pm**
- **Tue.: 7:00—9:00 pm**
- **Sat.: 9:00 am—12:00 pm & 3:00—5:00 pm**

Or call the Hotline 925-322-0604 and leave a message or email
dispatcher@whiteponyexpress.org.