



Press Release



## **COUNTY HONORS HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS**

### **VOLUNTEERS TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR PARTICIPATING IN 2007 HOMELESS COUNT**

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(Santa Ana, CA) – County of Orange Housing and Community Services Department, OC Partnership, 2-1-1 Orange County, and United Way Orange County have partnered to host a Volunteer Recognition event for the volunteers that participated in the 2007 Point in Time Count of the homeless. The event is scheduled for Monday, August 20, 2007 from 5 pm - 7 pm at Covenant Presbyterian Church at 1855 North Orange-Olive Avenue in Orange. Supervisor Janet Nguyen will open the meeting, recognizing and thanking the volunteers.

Volunteers will be honored for taking to the streets to significantly impact the future of many homeless families and individuals residing in Orange County. On the evening of Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, volunteers counted the homeless from approximately 7 pm to midnight in streets and shelters throughout the entire county. A subsequent survey process was conducted on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> in order to gather specific demographic data on homelessness in Orange County. Volunteers visited shelters, soup kitchens, drop-in centers, parks, and other locations surveying homeless persons that desired to share their stories.

Federal HUD guidelines mandate that counties across the nation conduct a Point-In-Time Count and Survey of the homeless during the last week in January. Since 1996 Orange County has been awarded over \$85 million in HUD Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance funds providing needed resources to non-profits, shelters and service providers serving homeless individuals and families.

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