

## **Volunteers needed for Homeless Census**

Volunteers are needed to work 2 – 4 hour shifts during a survey of Butte County's homeless, January 28<sup>th</sup>.

The effort is coordinated by Butte County Homeless Continuum of Care Council, a collaborative body composed of people from city and county governments, community agencies, businesses, schools, faith-based organizations and homeless people.

Results of the survey, to be conducted between 6:00 am and 6:00 pm, will be used to coordinate and improve homeless services and resources in the county.

The annual census is also used to obtain continued Housing and Urban Development funds by showing the need for resources in the Continuum of Care application.

Numbers gathered are also used to provide data to organize service planning, accurately measure and identify the needs of populations that are the hardest to serve (chronically homeless), measure performance in eliminating homelessness, and raise awareness about the issue of homelessness.

Volunteers will work in teams of at least 2 at various locations. A required training will take place from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm on Wednesday, and 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm on Friday at the Esplanade House located at 181 E. Shasta Avenue in Chico.

To help, please contact the Esplanade House at (530) 891-2977.