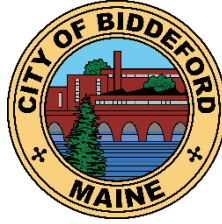


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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Biddeford's Point-in-Time Homeless Count is January 27**

BIDDEFORD (January 14, 2022) — The Point-in-Time (PIT) Count is a count of people in our communities who are experiencing homelessness on a particular night in January. The PIT Count takes place annually in every state, and collects data on those experiencing both sheltered and unsheltered homelessness.

Biddeford's Service Based Count will be Thursday, January 27, when volunteers will be located at local service providers to interview people who experienced unsheltered homelessness on the night of January 25. Information from PIT Counts is used by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to determine funding allocations. It is also used locally to inform different services and programs that can help people experiencing homelessness.

*Quote here* - "Homelessness is a serious problem in our community. It's important to make sure people are counted on January 27 so we understand their needs and can work to address them in a comprehensive and compassionate way."

Local agencies and nonprofits in the Biddeford area that work with homeless populations are encouraged to refer people to Seeds of Hope Neighborhood Center, 35 South Street, Biddeford, on January 27 from 9 AM to 4:30 PM to speak with a volunteer.

For more information, please contact Rev. Shirley Bowen (?) by email at [rev.shirley@seedsofhope4me.org](mailto:rev.shirley@seedsofhope4me.org) or by phone at 207-283-1783.

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