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Homeless Leadership Coalition Announces Dates for the 2017 Point-in-Time Count in Central Oregon

Bend, OR – The Homeless Leadership Coalition (HLC) will be kicking off the biennial Point-In-Time Count in Central Oregon on January 25, 2017. This event is a count of people who are homeless or in transitional housing in Deschutes, Crook, and Jefferson counties. The count is a part of a State and national effort to identify the number of people struggling to find appropriate and adequate housing.

During the last week of January, there is a nationwide effort to count every homeless people across the country. This Point-in-Time count attempts to capture both sheltered and unsheltered homeless people to provide a snapshot of homelessness in the United States. Volunteers across the region conduct a street count of people considered to be unsheltered, meaning they are living outside, and collect data on the homeless population living in emergency shelters and transitional housing. In addition to the total number of sheltered and unsheltered homeless people, information is gathered on a wide range of characteristics of the homeless population including age, gender, race, ethnicity, veteran status, and disability status.

“Starting on Wednesday, January 25th, volunteers will be conducting confidential and anonymous surveys in Bend, La Pine, Sisters, Redmond, Prineville and Madras,” says Molly Taroli, PacificSource’s CCO Project Coordinator and HLC Chairperson. “This count will provide the most up-to-date information about the number of individuals in Central Oregon who are struggling to find adequate housing. Through this data, local agencies and programs will be able to better target support services and develop comprehensive plans to address poverty and homelessness in Central Oregon.”

Individuals and families counted through this effort include people living in:

- Weekly motels
- Shelters
- Transitional housing
- "Doubled up" with other families
- Camping or sleeping in cars
- Other places not designed for human habitation

Counts will be taking place on January 25th, 26th, and 27th, depending on location.

Command center sites include:

- Bend Church Drop In
 - o 680 NW Bond Street in Bend
 - o Wednesday, January 25th 7:00am – 1:00pm
- Family Kitchen
 - o 231 NW Idaho Avenue in Bend
 - o Wednesday, January 25th 10:00am – 6:30pm
- Mosaic Medical
 - o 2084 NE Professional Court in Bend
 - o Wednesday, January 25th 8:00am – 5:00pm
- Rimrock Outpatient
 - o 63360 NW Britta Street in Bend
 - o Wednesday, January 25th 8:00am – 5:00pm
- Department of Health and Human Services
 - o 1300 NW Wall Street in Bend
 - o Wednesday, January 25th 10:00am – 3:00pm
- The Giving Plate
 - o 1245 SE 3rd Street, C7 in Bend
 - o Thursday, January 26th 10:00am – 4:00pm
- La Pine Community Health Clinic
 - o 51600 Huntington Road in La Pine
 - o Wednesday, January 25th 12:00pm – 5:00pm
 - o Thursday, January 26th 9:00am – 5:00pm
 - o Friday, January 27th 9:00am – 5:00pm
- Saint Vincent De Paul
 - o 51484 Morson Street in La Pine
 - o Wednesday, January 25th 9:00am – 3:00pm
 - o Thursday, January 26th 9:00am – 3:00pm
- La Pine Community Kitchen
 - o 16480 Finley Butte Road in La Pine
 - o Lunch served 12:00pm to 2:00pm
- Care n' Share, Sunriver Food Bank
 - o Sunriver Business Park in Sunriver
 - o Friday, January 27th 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- Madras Christian Church
 - o 115 SE C Street in Madras
 - o Wednesday, January 25th 7:00am - 7:00pm
 - o Lunch served 10:00am to 2:00pm
- Kiwanis Food Bank
 - o 225 N Oak Street in Sisters

- o Thursday, January 26th 9:00am - 2:00pm
- Saint Vincent DePaul
 - o 1616 SW Veterans Way in Redmond
 - o Wednesday, January 25th 10:00am - 2:00pm
- House of Hope
 - o 724 SW 14th Street in Redmond
 - o Wednesday, January 25th 12:00 p.m. – 4:30p.m.

The Point in Time Count organizing committee will be adding additional times and locations, including Crook County locations, as the dates get closer. For more information and up to date count locations, the media is encouraged to contact HLC Chairpersons, Molly Taroli at 503-730-1280 and/or Cody Standiford at 541-383-2793.

About the Central Oregon Homeless Leadership Coalition: The Homeless Leadership Coalition is a collaboration of community partners in Crook, Jefferson, and Deschutes counties engaging the community through education, advocacy, planning, prioritization and accountability for services to persons experiencing homelessness. HLC consists of more than 40 organizations and individuals from Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson Counties. They include the faith community, shelter providers, public schools, public health, emergency services, veterans outreach, public safety, mental health, housing services, public services private employers and others. They represent a diverse group of interests, unified by a common focus.

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