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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL HOMELESS COUNT

Hagåtña, GU (December 21, 2018) – The Guam Homeless Coalition announces that the annual Point-In-Time (PIT) homeless count will take place on Friday, January 25, 2019. The PIT count is conducted with the assistance of volunteers who serve as enumerators. Each year, volunteers walk Guam’s neighborhoods to count people who appear to be living in places not meant for human habitation. Volunteers also administer a questionnaire about an individual’s background and needs. **The Guam Homeless Coalition aims to recruit 150 additional volunteers for the 2019 count.** Volunteer enumerators must be at least 18 years old.

The PIT count is an unduplicated count on a single day of homeless individuals and families in sheltered and unsheltered locations. Data from the PIT count provides a statistically reliable snapshot of homeless persons and helps service providers better understand trends in homelessness. Individuals interested in volunteering must attend mandatory 1-day training. The training will cover various topics including safety, communication and logistics. Several training dates are available. **ONLY** those volunteers who have completed the training will be allowed to serve as enumerators. Separate, mandatory 1-day training will be held for volunteers with prior experience conducting a PIT count. The training dates and times are as follows:

First-Time Volunteers (Choose one). All trainings will be held in the Catholic Social Services Conf. Rm., Barrigada

- 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019
- 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019
- 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, 2019

Returning or Experienced PIT Count Volunteers. Training will be held in the Catholic Social Services Conf. Rm., Barrigada

- 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Tamara Ortiz at 475-1405 (email: tortiz@ghura.org) or Angelina-Marie Cruz at 475-0484 (email: amscruz@gdoe.net).

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