



The Partnership to End Homelessness: Assisting with the 2010 Point in Time Count for the Homeless

On January 28, AmeriCorps members from the Partnership to End Homelessness assisted the Homeless Prevention Coalition of Guilford County in conducting the annual Point in Time Count of the homeless in Guilford County.



Members served throughout the day - counting at breakfast gatherings and dinner gatherings, counting the panhandlers mid-day and those homeless camped out in the January night. These



“street counts” are combined with the counts from the various shelters to estimate the total homeless population in our county. In 2010, the Point in Time Count showed 1,064 homeless people in

Guilford County, up from 1,052 in 2009 and 981 in 2008. In the most at risk category of those who are on the street or in emergency shelters, the numbers rose to 644, from 603 in 2009 and 523 in 2008.

In order to collect the count data, members interviewed each person to learn more about their individual circumstances. In doing so, many stories were shared which impacted our members. “I came across a couple that was not homeless but had been a year ago. They told me that because of Urban Ministries and the other assistance programs in Greensboro; they were able to gain housing. They were so thankful and glad we were doing this survey.” “One guy great way for him to save his money while living in the was homeless because he had had lost his job. He was young whose boss lets him sleep in kids who had only been asking for money, but felt might dislike what they do. she was a disgrace. It made me spoke with a married couple is too cold for them. They say separated at night.”



“I spoke with one young man who had been discharged from Foster Care and he and intelligent, just unlucky.” “I met a man the shop at night.” “I met a Mom with 3 homeless for a few weeks. She was out embarrassed. I never knew panhandlers She was so sorry to even ask and felt like want to cry at how bad she was feeling.” “I who only stay in shelters when the weather they can’t stand it because they have to be