

“2018 CT Youth Count” Event at Cornerstone

The Youth Count is a week-long effort that corresponds with the Point-in-Time Count to count all of those experiencing homelessness in Connecticut that focuses specifically on youth and young adults aged 13 – 24.

Tuesday, January 30, 2018 from 6-8 pm, there will be a special event at the Cornerstone Community Center at 3 Prospect Street in Rockville, CT. There will be a “Pizza Party” to engage area youth who may be homeless or staying in temporary locations with other families. A survey will be administered to understand the scope and severity of the problem to allow for the proper response in helping solve these issues.

This is part of the intensive week-long effort from January 24 – 30, 2018 in the on-going campaign to end homelessness in our communities. **Cornerstone** has partnered in Greater Hartford with **Journey Home**, and state-wide with the **CT Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH)** and the many other partners in the **Greater Hartford Coordinated Access Network (GH-CAN)** to address Youth Homelessness.

After successfully working to eliminate Veteran homelessness and Chronic homelessness, the focus going forward will be youth & family homelessness.

In the greater Vernon area, January 30, 2018 has been chosen as the date focusing on getting an accurate count as to how many homeless youth, ages 13-24, are in our community that would benefit from assistance.

There will always be those who fall into homelessness but with the **Coordinated Access Networks** in place, the solutions have been streamlined to expedite the process to minimize the length and severity of the homeless episodes.

Please share this information with your family, friends and neighbors as well as all local schools, faith communities and places where youth, 13 - 24 years of age frequent.

Bryan Flint, Sr., the Cornerstone Shelter Director offers, “This is a great example of collaboration where all sectors can work together to help our youth. Homeless youth are often reluctant to make themselves known because of the perceived stigma attached to it. Those willing to participate will be asked a series of questions and the results will determine the best course of action to help them. Participation is of course completely voluntary, and they can refuse to answer any questions if needed. But, based on the outcome of the outreach, resources will be sought to adequately address the situation going forward. We can’t properly plan our response without knowing how wide or deep the problem is.”

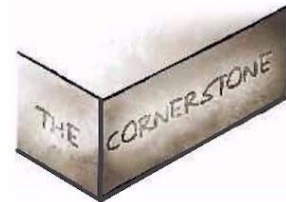
“The 2018 CT Youth Count will provide information essential to our efforts to advance toward the goal of ending youth homelessness by 2020” says **Lisa Tepper Bates, Executive Director of CT Coalition to End Homelessness**. “Our goal is to get an accurate scope of the magnitude, needs, and demographics of homeless youth.”

From **Matt Morgan, Executive Director of Journey Home**, the facilitating organization for the Greater Hartford – Coordinated Access Network, “We are grateful for community partners like Cornerstone who not only host events like this one to count homeless youth, but also for the ongoing critical services and great after-school programming Cornerstone provides throughout the year to homeless and unstably housed youth.”

Please join us on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 from 6-8 pm at the Cornerstone Community Center located at 3 Prospect Street, Rockville, CT

- What:** 2018 Connecticut Youth Count Event
When: Tuesday, January 30, 2018
Time: 6-8 pm
Where: Cornerstone Community Center, 3 Prospect Street, Rockville, CT
Who: Homeless Youth between the ages of 13-24 years of age.
Why: To allow advocates to assist homeless youth & secure the data to provide the resources to end and/or prevent homelessness in our communities.

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