



PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

Press Release

Project Homeless Connect is a one day event sponsored by community leaders and designed to provide housing, services, and hospitality in a convenient one-stop model for people experiencing homelessness. More than 35 cities have replicated this model nationwide, and New Jersey was the first state to coordinate a statewide Project Homeless Connect.

The New Jersey Alliance for the Homeless is coordinating a statewide Project Homeless Connect (PHC) day along with Monarch Housing Associates, which will take place in conjunction with the HUD mandated Point in Time Count (PIT).

The Point in Time Count (PIT) is mandated by HUD on a bi-annual basis. On this date Continuum of Care's (CoC) survey the homeless in their area. This includes those living on the streets and those in emergency and transitional programs. In order to perform a successful count CoC's must outreach to volunteers, local churches and businesses for donations of time and useful items that can be distributed to those that fill out the survey.

Holding PHC on the same day as the PIT will allow CoC's statewide to reach out to and survey more of the homeless people in their communities. In addition it will allow the CoC to provide those people with much needed services.

The success of Project Homeless Connect is reliant on the community's support. Through the participation of local business, corporations, hospitals, doctors and a variety of other providers, this one day event will positively affect the lives of many individuals who are homeless throughout the state.

To learn more about Project Homeless Connect please visit : <u>http://www.monarchhousing.org</u> /<u>EHT/PHC</u>

or email Taiisa Telesford at ttelesford@monarchhousing.org

I only have one location The links don't work on the Monarch Housing site I sent an e-mail out to find more locations If anyone knows of other locations, write to me I'll try to get the word out

Tuesday, January 28 St James Episcopal Church 300 Broadway, Long Branch 8:00AM-1:00PM For information contact : Emma Caban (emma@lbc4help.org) 732-571-1670 Warm Clothing is needed and other things

