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Continuum of Care for Placer County, Roseville and Rocklin CA-515

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Annual Point in Time Count Results Released for Placer County

AUBURN, CA. -- The annual point-in-time count result for the number of people experiencing homelessness in Placer County has been released by the Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras (HRCS). As the lead organization in the region's Continuum of Care for homelessness, HRCS is a nonprofit collaborative comprised of members representing nonprofit and government agencies serving the community's needs around homelessness.

A Point in Time Count (PIT) is a one-night estimate of both sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations. The PIT count provides the number and demographic characteristics of persons who are homeless on the night of the count, both sheltered in emergency shelter or transitional housing; or unsheltered, on the street or in some other place unfit for human habitation, on the night of the count.

The count's survey of both unsheltered and sheltered individuals was conducted February 24, 2022 by volunteers, nonprofit, and county staff, asking people where they stayed on the night of February 23. A total of 750 homeless individuals were counted in Placer County, from Roseville to North Lake Tahoe. By comparison, 744 homeless individuals were identified in the 2020 count. While the count conducted in 2021 counted 708 unhoused people, the method used for counting was different, due to necessary constraints for conducting a count during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2022 PIT count identified 648 adults over the age of 24; 43 youth age 18 to 24; and 59 children under the age of 18 who were homeless. Of the total 750 people counted, 46% (342) said they were sheltered, and 54% (408) were unsheltered on the night of February 23.

"We are working to increase emergency and permanent housing in the region and our efforts to access and leverage state funding are making a difference in Placer County housing resources," said Jason Winters, president of the Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras.

Of adults who responded to detailed survey questions in the 2022 point-in-time count, 34 percent were chronically homeless. Two-thirds of the respondents (68%), have lived in Placer County for at least a year prior to becoming homeless, and of those people,

almost half (48%) have lived in Placer County for more than five years and said they stay in the county to be close to family or are originally from Placer County.

Homeless individuals wishing to access basic shelter and housing services should call the toll-free homeless hotline, 1-833-3PLACER.

The Continuum of Care for Roseville/Rocklin/Placer County (CA-515) is a standing advisory committee to the Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras (HRCS) and brings people together in collaboration to develop, coordinate and support projects, services and resources that will enhance our partners' ability to prevent and end homelessness in Placer County. HRCS is the "collaborative applicant" and administrative entity for the Placer and Nevada counties' continuums of care.

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