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Project Homeless Connect 2018

Lincoln County's Annual Homeless Outreach Event

To Take Place January 26, 2018

NEWPORT, Ore. – Lincoln County Public Health is proud to participate alongside other community agencies in Project Homeless Connect, Lincoln County's annual homeless outreach event, held January 26th, 2018 from 10AM-3PM at the Church of the Nazarene. The event offers immediate goods and services to those experiencing homelessness and families in need, such as energy and housing assistance, pet and dental care, eyeglasses, insurance enrollment, and a warm meal.

Approximately 160 individuals participated in Project Homeless Connect in 2017, a figure that serves as a reminder of the importance of this event and the need that exists on the coast. Lola Jones, Director of Samaritan House and head coordinator of the event, described the positive impact it has on the community, "Project Homeless Connect, now in its 11th year in Lincoln County, provides access to critical services and resources in an efficient and effective setting. The partnerships are what make this event successful; we are engaging people and organizations at every level."

Project Homeless Connect is a fine example of how our community can come together and work towards improving the lives of those who are in need. Those interested in contributing can donate items to collection bins at various sites throughout Lincoln County, including at Toad Hall in Yachats, Oregon Coast Bank in Waldport, and Wal-Mart in Newport. Recommended items for donation include new and unopened socks, underwear, warm layers, and hygiene products.

Individuals interested in volunteering at the event can apply online at <http://tinyurl.com/PHCvolunteer> or on the Lincoln County Project Homeless Connect Facebook page. Thank you to the Church of the Nazarene for hosting this event and to all the volunteers and donations that help make Project Homeless Connect possible. We are looking forward to another

year of this great event!

Lincoln County Public Health, in collaboration with our community partners, provides leadership to assure the conditions for healthy communities.

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