

# END HOMELESSNESS

## ST. JOHN'S **EVERYONE COUNTS**

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### **'Everyone Counts' - End Homelessness St. John's homeless counts will inform local plan to end homelessness**

On March 24-25, 2020, End Homelessness St. John's (EHSJ) is conducting 'Everyone Counts', the community's third biennial Point-in-Time (PiT) Count, which surveys homeless individuals across a wide range of settings throughout the city.

St. John's joins over 57 communities from all provinces and territories across Canada to participate in Canada's third nationally coordinated PiT Count. 'Everyone Counts' will enumerate people living on the streets, in emergency shelters and short-term housing, the hidden homeless ('couch surfers' staying with friends or relatives), and people accommodated in public systems (such as health & correctional institutions) who have no fixed address and whose imminent release lacks a discharge plan for housing.

"Everyone Counts raises awareness of homelessness in our community while providing key insights that will allow us to set priorities and target resources towards community-led solutions to homelessness", said Doug Pawson, Executive Director of End Homelessness St. John's.

EHSJ is seeking volunteers to count and survey individuals experiencing homelessness. If you are interested and at least 19 years of age, please apply at [www.wecanendit.com](http://www.wecanendit.com). The information collected will provide a "snapshot" of homelessness in the city by indicating the *minimum* number of people experiencing homelessness in St. John's on a single day. The survey will help EHSJ gather additional information about the demographics and service needs of people affected by homelessness.

'Everyone Counts' is supported by the Government of Canada through *Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy*, and the City of St. John's.

#### **About End Homelessness St. John's:**

End Homelessness St. John's exists to prevent and end homelessness. Working collaboratively with community stakeholders, EHSJ is leading the implementation of the St. John's Community Plan to End Homelessness. Through the continuation of coordinated system-wide planning and EHSJ's leadership, St. John's will become the next community in Canada to end homelessness.

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