

# January 2015 Street Count



**If you are homeless and unsheltered, we need your help!**

**Participate in the January 2015 Street Count to give voice to people experiencing homelessness in our community.**

## **What is the Street Count?**

During the week of January 28-February 3, service agencies and outreach workers throughout Multnomah County will be conducting a survey to learn more about the individuals and families experiencing homelessness in our community.

## **What does participation involve?**

You will be asked to answer a short five-minute survey. The survey is anonymous

and confidential\*, and you can choose not to answer any questions that you are not comfortable with.

## **Why should I participate?**

- The Street Count gives a voice to people experiencing homelessness and helps to raise public awareness.
- Having an accurate count makes our community eligible to receive millions of dollars in federal funding for community-based services to help people exit life on the streets and prevent homelessness.
- The count helps local governments and nonprofits to better understand what housing and services are needed to most effectively meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness in our community.

\*To make sure we don't count anybody more than once, we are required to collect some basic identifying information -- first letter of first name, first three letters of last name, age, and gender --, but this information is not used in connection with your survey answers. The survey data will only be reported in summary form.