



## SOCIAL SERVICES NEWS

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### **HOUSING VISIONS SEEKS DONATIONS FOR HOMELESS PERSONS**

HICKORY -- Members of the public are asked to donate items or money to assist with the Point in Time Count of homeless persons living in Catawba County. Donations of items and money are needed by Jan. 22.

The count will be conducted by volunteers with Housing Visions, the Continuum of Care in Catawba County, on Jan. 29. An accurate count will assure that the area receives appropriate funding to prevent and respond to homelessness.

Each year, Housing Visions distributes items needed by persons experiencing homelessness when they come to a location to be counted. You may donate any or all of the following items, which will be distributed to persons experiencing homelessness in this area: batteries (sizes AA, C and D), pop top canned meat and fruits, gloves, toboggans/hats, socks, blankets, deodorant, razors and shaving cream, feminine hygiene products, sweatshirts (new or gently used sizes large and extra large), towels, wash cloths, can openers, flashlights, 8' x 10' tarps, new or gently used backpacks. Donations of these items may be dropped off at Catawba County United Way, 800 17th St. NW Suit UW Hickory (Highway 321), phone number 828-327-6851. Another drop off location is Partners Behavioral Healthcare Management, 1985 Tate Boulevard (First Plaza Building), Hickory, phone number 828-323-8084.

Monetary donations to assist with the Point in Time Count may be made to the Catawba County United Way. Please write "homeless initiatives" on the memo line of your check and mail to P.O. Box 2425, Hickory, NC 28603.

Housing Visions is a coalition of organizations in Catawba County that deal with issues of homelessness and poverty. For more information about the count, contact Teena Willis at 828-323-8084.

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