



Monday, January 29, 2007

## Volunteer One Night to Help Homeless New Yorkers

On January 29, 2007, the Department of Homeless Services will conduct the Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE 2007). We need thousands of volunteers to canvass parks, subways, and other public spaces to count the number of people living on city streets. One night of your time will help us collect vital information used by outreach teams to help homeless people leave the streets for a better life.

### WHO

Anyone who shares our commitment to helping the homeless of New York City is encouraged to volunteer. We will provide you with all the training you will need on the night of the survey and every team will be led by an experienced team leader.

### WHAT

Each team of 4 - 5 volunteers will be led by an experienced social service provider. Teams will be assigned to a small study area and will be responsible for determining how many homeless individuals are in that area and collecting visible demographic information. Transportation to a shelter will be available for any street homeless individual interested in receiving services.

### WHEN

Volunteers will meet at **10:30PM on Monday, January 29**. After a brief training and orientation, volunteer teams will disperse throughout the City to count the number of individuals living on the street and in public places from midnight until 4 AM.

HOPE will only be re-scheduled in the event of extreme winter weather. HOPE will not be cancelled for rain or light snow. The extreme weather date is Monday, February 5. In the event of extreme weather, registered volunteers are advised to check the DHS website or call 1-800-994-6494 on the day of the event to check for cancellation.

### WHERE

Volunteers will report to training sites located throughout each borough. Prior to the event, DHS staff will contact you with your meeting location. Whenever possible, we will place you in the neighborhood of your choice.

To register to volunteer, go to [www.nyc.gov/dhs](http://www.nyc.gov/dhs) or simply call 311.