**[Organization name]**

**[Organization logo]

[Date]**

***[Community] to Participate in the 2022 Point-in-Time Homeless Count***

In 2022, **[Community]** will take part in a coordinated effort to measure homelessness across Texas.

In January 0f 2022, the [**name of organization/community entity]**, in association with the Texas Homeless Network and volunteers from the community will conduct **[community]**’s first ever Point-in-Time (PIT) Homeless Count.

Over **[duration of the count],** trained volunteers will count and survey individuals who are staying in emergency shelters, transitional housing, and unsheltered locations (outdoor encampments, streets, cars, and other places not meant for habitation) in our community. This count will provide a “snapshot” of the number of people experiencing homelessness as well as key characteristics of those individuals and families.

The results will indicate the *minimum* number of people experiencing homelessness in our community on any given night. As a note, other forms of homelessness, such as people staying temporarily with friends, or those that are able to come up with enough funds for a hotel/motel are not included in the PIT Count (per HUD guidelines). We recognize that this means the PIT Count data will only be representing a fraction of the homeless population in **(community).**

The PIT Count will improve our understanding of the needs and circumstances of the people experiencing homelessness in our community. The survey will provide us with key data on gender, age, ethnicity, veteran status and more.

Results from the PIT Count will be publicly available and we will use the results to improve our response to homelessness. In the future, successive counts will allow us to measure progress towards our ultimate goal of ending homelessness in **[community]**.

***Quotes***

***Potential topics for quotes include detailed information about the characteristics of your homeless population, volunteer engagement (recruitment, training, etc.), how you plan to use your PIT Count data, the importance of a national PIT Count.***

**[2-3 quotes from the PIT Count Coordinator, a member of the PIT Count Committee, a homeless-serving agency and/or local politician]**

***Media Participation***

The media is welcome to contact the PIT Count Coordinator for more information.

Ensuring the safety and anonymity of our participants is our utmost priority. Media will not be accompanying PIT Count Volunteers; however, the media is invited to attend **[a brief press conference on the day of the count/ Volunteer Trainings/Press conference after the count/etc]**. Further details will be made available shortly.

**[Name of Lead Organization/Community Entity]: [Description of Lead Organization/Community Entity; Website]**

***For more information:***

<https://www.thn.org/texas-balance-state-continuum-care/data/pit-count-and-hic/>

***Contact information***

**[PIT Count Coordinator or Designated Media Liaison]**