

December 6, 2011

Dear Community and Business Leader:

Coming Home of Middlesex County, Inc. (Coming Home) is a non-profit organization whose mission it is to facilitate implementation of Middlesex County's *Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness*. Coming Home works with Middlesex County personnel and, a collaborative of service providers and homeless advocates. Together, we coordinate the annual (i) Point-in-Time (PIT) count of the homeless to discern the nature and extent of homelessness in the County and (ii) Project Homeless Connect (PHC) to connect homeless individuals and families with needed services, such as shelter, nutrition assistance, Social Security programs and other forms of community resources.

We are asking for your support to ensure that the next PIT count and PHC events held on **Wednesday, January 25, 2012** succeed. Teams of volunteers will help people currently experiencing homelessness to complete surveys designed to inform Middlesex County how to end and prevent homelessness.

We are currently in need of winter items, such as socks, hats, gloves, blankets and personal care items to distribute to those in need as incentives for participation in the survey process and simply to help those in need. We would greatly appreciate the support of your organization or civic affiliation to assist in this collection. We also gratefully welcome financial support. Contributions can be made to *Coming Home—Project Homeless Connect*, and mailed to the address provided below.

For questions regarding donations and participation in these events, please contact Harriet Slonim, Middlesex County Human Services Planner. Harriet can be reached by phone at (732) 745-4041 or at <u>harriet.slonim@co.middlesex.nj.us</u>.

On behalf of Coming Home, and all those in Middlesex County involved in ending homelessness, we want to thank you in advance for your help.

Very truly yours,

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