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RE: City of Portsmouth agencies to sponsor 2nd Homeless Assist Day

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On September 16, 2010, Portsmouth's Neighborhood Facility will be transformed in to a "One Stop" of services as, the Portsmouth Homeless Action Consortium, sponsors the City's second annual Homeless Assist Day.

The Portsmouth Homeless Assist Day (PHAD) brings vital services to an inner City site that is strategically located long the City's bus line.

Based on last year's participation, the event is expected to draw between 200 and 300 homeless men and women, presently living on the City of Portsmouth's streets.

Many of the individuals who will attend Homeless Assist Day have lost everything but the clothes they wear; and desperately need basics services, medical attention, housing, employment, and practical usable items as they seek to get back on their feet.

Local social and human service agencies including the Department of Social Services, Department of Behavioral Health Care, Portsmouth Area Resource Center, Oasis Opportunity Center, Portsmouth Volunteers for the Homeless, Legal Aid of Eastern Virginia, Wesley Community Service Center, Virginia Supportive Housing, the Planning Council, Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Portsmouth Community Health Care, Beazley Smiles Mobile Unit and others providers will be on hand to screen individuals for services.

The Portsmouth Homeless Assist Day (PHAD) Planning Committee is seeking volunteers to guide individuals through the registration process, apply for personal identification cards, social security cards; making applications for food stamps, substance abuse, mental health, HIV and AIDS testing; blood pressure, cholesterol, and eye exams; legal consultations on non violent civil matters; employment and housing assistance.

For Agency participation in Homeless Assist Day please contact Sonya Bolton at 398-1971 or you may [register to volunteer online by clicking here to be taken to the PHAD web site](#). Donations and in-kind services are also being solicited.