

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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PORTSMOUTH AGENCIES HOLD THIRD ANNUAL HOMELESS ASSIST DAY

The Portsmouth Homeless Action Consortium (PHAC) will sponsor its 3rd annual Portsmouth Homeless Assist Day community service project on October 20, 2011, from 9am - 1:30pm, at the Portsmouth Neighborhood Facility, 900 Elm Avenue.

The day-long event brings together public and private sector human service agencies, medical, dental, legal service providers, and businesses who donate their time, talents, and much needed services to benefit individuals who are homeless and living on the streets of Portsmouth.

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

A partial list of the agencies that will provide client services include: Department of Social Services, Behavioral Health Care Services, Department of Rehabilitative Services, Legal Aid Society, Southeastern Virginia Food Bank, Lion Club, Veteran House, Wounded Warriors, Opportunity, Inc., Oasis Social Ministry, Portsmouth Area Resource Center(PARC), Urban League of Hampton Roads, Wesley Community Service Center, United Way, Good Will, Inc., Red Cross, AARP, Opportunity, Inc., HER Shelter, Second Chances, Inc., Portsmouth Redevelopment & Housing Authority, Cox Communication, Portsmouth Adult Education (GED), Job Corp, Portsmouth Christian Outreach Ministry, Diamond House, Portsmouth Volunteers for the Homeless, Veteran Affairs, Veteran House, National Association of Black Criminal Justice, Virginia Supportive Housing, and the Virginia Employment Commission. Complimentary barbering services, clothing, and give way baskets will be provided.

For additional information please contact PHAD chairperson, Diana Chappell-Lewis, at 399-0541; or volunteer chairperson, Tomeka Winborne at (757) 402-9245.

