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## ***Project HOMELESS Connect*** ***a LINK to community support and resources***

**Thursday, January 26, 2012**

**9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Chattanooga's National Guard Armory (1801 S. Holtzclaw Ave.)**

The following items are among the most urgent needs for our homeless neighbors. Please consider making a donation using this list as your guide. Cash donations are also critical and will be used to purchase other necessary items and supplies.

**gloves/hats/scarves**

**socks**

**jackets/coats**

**large and XL warm clothing**

**bicycles**

**bicycle equipment**

**bicycle locks**

**toothbrushes/lotions/toiletry items**

**chapstick**

**rain wear/ponchos**

**compact umbrellas**

**backpacks**

**women's clothing and shoes**

**men's comfortable shoes sizes 11-13**

**plastic ziplock-style bags**

**pocket warmers**

**blankets**

**long-john undergarments**

**new underwear for men/ladies**

**reading glasses**

**first aid kits**

**pet care supplies for companion dogs**

**Your gift will make a difference.**

**To help at the event, register as a volunteer at [www.hboc.org](http://www.hboc.org).**

***(Check the next page for more info on volunteering)***

<b><i>Where do I send my gift check?</i></b>	<b><i>Interested in donating items (new or good condition) listed above?</i></b>
Send your tax deductible financial donation to: Metropolitan Ministries 1112 McCallie Ave. Chattanooga, TN 37404 <b><i>Write 'For Project Homeless Connect' in check memo</i></b>	Have any items to donate now? Please contact John Dorris ( <a href="mailto:dorris_J@bellsouth.net">dorris_J@bellsouth.net</a> or 423-503-1876)
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***Project Homeless Connect*** is a special project of the City of Chattanooga in conjunction with many local social service agencies, professional organizations, area restaurants, generous individuals and faith-based groups. Transportation for those needing to attend the expo for services will be available at various locations throughout the community.

Dear Volunteers and Supporters,

The next Project Homeless Connect (PHC) will be held January 26, 2012, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Doors will close at 3 p.m.

We are excited to announce that Project Homeless Connect will again be held at the National Guard Armory on Holtzclaw Ave. There is ample parking and space available to us for the event.

As you know, Project Homeless Connect brings volunteers of all experience levels and backgrounds together to serve people in our community who are homeless, or at risk of becoming so. Project Homeless Connect provides direct services to people experiencing homelessness. We are able to do this because people like you in our community are willing to volunteer their time and expertise to help their neighbors.

A background in social services is not required to volunteer for this event – but you do need willingness to help, an ability to connect, and a sense of humor.

For our next Project Homeless Connect we are planning to serve between 500 and 600 individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. In order to have a successful event, we need approximately 100 volunteers.

Volunteers are the heart of Project Homeless Connect and there are many ways to become involved, including helping people check in for the event, escorting a client through needed services, or sharing a meal in the Connect Café.

Volunteers may be asked to attend a brief training and orientation session (times and places to be announced).

***Please register today so that we can get an early count of volunteers available. Volunteers can register online by going to [www.hboc.org](http://www.hboc.org) and following the Project Homeless Connect link.***

Project Homeless Connect welcomes and needs financial support and contributions of in-kind items. If you would like to make a financial donation (or if you have questions about volunteering) then please contact **John Dorris** ([dorris\\_J@bellsouth.net](mailto:dorris_J@bellsouth.net) or 423-503-1876). John is also the contact if you would like to make an in-kind donation. Please refer to the list of needed items.

Thank you very much for supporting Project Homeless Connect.

John P. Dorris  
Chairman  
Project Homeless Connect