Homelessness Awareness Kickoff Event

November is National Homelessness Awareness Month

The kickoff event for National Homelessness Awareness Month is at the Wisconsin State Capitol rotunda on November 2, 2022 at 11:30AM. Speakers will range from state representatives addressing the concerns of homelessness in Wisconsin to individuals with lived experience of homelessness. Through their voices and stories we can learn about ways we can make a difference in our community. This event is an opportunity to build much needed awareness of the homeless crisis in our state and local communities and we hope we can come together to find better solutions.

The November 2 kickoff event at the State Capitol will also feature a *Ribbon Tree* designed to showcase and measure the different types of homelessness experienced in Wisconsin. This visual representation is intended to help us understand just how serious the homelessness crisis is in our state. We are hoping to inspire the public into action and give people an opportunity to join the cause.

Alongside the Ribbon Tree, there will be information about current programs and services across the state that focus on populations experiencing homelessness.

Call to action!

Please email <u>wisconsinhomelessawareness@gmail.com</u> if you would like to feature your organization's outreach materials including mission and vision statements, and find out how the public can volunteer, get involved and donate. This information will be featured during the month of November in the rotunda in the Wisconsin State Capitol on display boards embedded in a QR code and our Facebook page. Please send the information no later than 10/28/2022.

We're seeking interested community groups willing to participate during the month of November to build their own awareness and education locally. We invite schools, service agencies, faith groups, service groups, individuals, families, and anyone who is willing to participate to consider planning activities to support National Homelessness Awareness Month.

Examples of how you can get involved beyond the event:

- Create your very own Ribbon Tree and hold an event like the one planned at the State Capitol, invite local homeless agencies to share information about homelessness in your community
- Hang or tie ribbons on trees outside to create awareness in the community
- Volunteer and/or raise money for local homeless services
- Advocate for public policies on a local, state and federal level





*For more information about the event or to connect with local homeless service providers or school homeless liaisons, please go here: Wisconsin Homeless Awareness Kickoff Event