



# News Release

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## **Project Homeless Connect Seeks Donations, Volunteers for May 17 Event**

FAYETTEVILLE – Project Homeless Connect will be held on May 17 at the Smith Recreation Center from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The annual event is sponsored by the Cumberland County Continuum of Care on Homelessness and is designed to give the homeless in Fayetteville and Cumberland County access to agencies and services that can help make a difference in their lives.

The Fayetteville Area System of Transit (FAST) will provide free transportation to the event. Breakfast will be served from 7:30-8:30 a.m., and lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free haircuts are available, and agencies will also be on hand to assist with prescriptions, medical and dental care, housing, job placement, and much more.

Organizers are seeking donations of the following items: flip-flops, petroleum jelly, white socks, soft drinks, bug repellent, foot powder, bus passes, lip balm, sleeping bags, wet wipes, backpacks, ponchos, gallon-size plastic zip bags, toilet paper, underwear, hand sanitizer, sunscreen, paper plates, paper cups, napkins, and plastic utensils.

Donations may be dropped off at the Fayetteville Police Department, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact Officer Stacy Sanders at 433-1846.

Volunteers are also needed to assist the day of the event. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Karen Moore at 483-6980.

Monetary and in-kind donations are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to the City of Fayetteville and mailed to The Fayetteville Police Department, ATTN: Officer S.J. Sanders, 467 Hay Street, Fayetteville, NC 28301. Indicate in the memo section on your check that the donation is for “Project Homeless Connect.”

“Orchestrating this event takes great effort, and we are thankful for the various partners from the public, private and non-profit sectors who are coming together for this one-stop event to reach the homeless,” said Cumberland County Community Development Director Thanena Wilson.

“It is just one small part of a much greater goal -- to end homelessness in our community,” she said.

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