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Donations Needed For Homeless Stand Down Event July 24-25

FAYETTEVILLE – Donations and volunteers are needed for the Community Homeless Stand Down to be held July 24-25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Festival Park. The goal is to give homeless individuals access to agencies and services. Organizers are anticipating reaching approximately 600 people during the two-day event.

The Homeless Stand Down replaces the former Project Homeless Connect event and is a way to pool services and donations to help the homeless population. The Stand Down is sponsored by the Fayetteville Veterans Affairs Medical Center and the Cumberland County Continuum of Care on Homelessness. The county's Community Development department is a partner.

Food, medical screenings and free haircuts will be provided, as well as information on housing assistance, employment opportunities, health services, veterans services and more.

Organizers are seeking donations of the following items: T-shirts, foot powder, sleeping bags, bus passes, petroleum jelly, bug repellent, underwear (male and female), backpacks, tote bags, hygiene kits, lip balm, wipes, hand sanitizer and sunscreen.

Donations may be delivered to the Fayetteville Police Department at 467 Hay Street, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If donating large quantities, please call Officer Stacy Sanders at 910-433-1846 to arrange an alternative drop-off location.

Monetary donations are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to the Cumberland Community Foundation, Inc., and mail to 308 Green Street, P.O. Box 2345, Fayetteville, N.C., 28302. Please indicate in the memo section on your check that the donation is for the "Homeless Special Projects Fund."

Donations are need by July 11.

For more information, contact Community Services Manager Delores Taylor at 910-323-6112.

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