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UNITED WAY ANNUAL SURVEY OF LOCAL HOMELESS POPULATION - PRELIMINARY DATA

COLUMBUS, GA – United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley conducted their twelfth annual survey of the homeless population in Muscogee and Russell County on Tuesday, January 21st and Wednesday, January 22nd. The survey, known as the Point In Time (PIT) Count, sheds light on the situations of local sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals and gathers information to help those in need as well as develop more effective homelessness prevention programs.

This year, a total of 259 individuals experiencing homelessness, in shelters, transitional housing, and unsheltered, were surveyed in Muscogee and Russell County. The survey collected data about each individual's current housing situation, families, and health.

The 2020 Point In Time Count early results indicate:

- 259 total individuals surveyed
 - Down 7% from 2019
- 183 individuals surveyed in shelters
 - Down 5% from 2019
- 34 individuals surveyed in transitional housing
 - Up 3% from 2019
- 42 individuals surveyed unsheltered
 - Down 19% from 2019

We would like to thank our Co-Chairs for this year's Point In Time Count Holli Browder, Director of the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department, and Curtis Lockette, Captain with the Muscogee County Marshal's office.

We would like to thank the many volunteers without whom we could not do the work we do.

Text HOME to 40403 to give to United Way's Home For Good program to help end homelessness.

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About United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley

United Way improves lives and builds a stronger community by bringing people and resources together from across the Chattahoochee Valley region. United Way funds a variety of programs at nonprofit agencies in Chattahoochee, Harris, Marion, Muscogee, Russell, Stewart, Talbot and Taylor counties in Georgia and Russell County in Alabama.