



Thursday, July 20, 2017

Evergreen Middle School

7621 Beverly Ln. Everett

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Project Homeless Connect (PHC) is an annual, one-day event that brings together, in a single location, a wide variety of community volunteers and services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Direct services are provided on site to help combat homelessness and related issues.

For the ninth year in a row, PHC will be held in Everett. In 2016, we served approximately 933 clients at the event. A total of 482 staff and volunteers from 101 programs, and 191 UWSC volunteers, made this event possible. Of the attendees, 188 people received haircuts, 140 dogs and cats were examined, and 489 individuals received medical services. Additional details are contained [here, in the Final Report](#).

The [2016 Homeless Point in Time count](#) in Snohomish County showed 1188 people in 878 households without a permanent place to stay. Of the individuals counted this year, an estimated 68 (5%) were homeless children under the age of 18; 36 were homeless veterans.

Everett Gospel Mission organized the meal service in 2016, and 1,405 meals were served. Guests had a choice between lemonade or iced tea, soup or salad, and chicken or sausage with pasta, plus vegetables on the side. One of the hallmarks of Project Homeless Connect is that volunteers provide table service to participants.

Guests at the event also had the option of receiving a backpack with toiletries, a new pair of sneakers, a family portrait, vision care, immunizations and more. New services this year included on-site showers, laundry, and bike maintenance. There was also child care available on-site.

Every year, on this day, services are provided free of charge to individuals and families seeking assistance.

A sample of the services that we provided includes:

- DSHS eligibility screening
- Social Security eligibility screening
- Housing Information
- Medical care

- Dental care
- Foot care
- Vision screening and eyeglass vouchers
- Animal boarding
- Haircuts
- Bike maintenance
- Laundry services
- Mental health assessment and brief counseling
- Substance abuse screening
- Hearing screening and assistance with hearing aids
- Hepatitis testing and vaccination
- HIV/AIDS testing
- Homeless veteran outreach
- Child support services
- Children's books
- Hot meals
- Backpacks filled with toiletries

History

Through a collaborative effort between Snohomish County, City of Everett and numerous service organizations, Snohomish County has hosted a Project Homeless event annually since 2009. Over the years, the event has continued to grow and serve the homeless and those at risk of being homeless in our county. [Read more.](#)

Partners and Services

Project Homeless Connect partners provide numerous services from health and education to pet care and giveaways.