Eblast: Monday, January 7

Subject: Project Homeless Connect 2013



Today I participated in the 7th Annual Project Homeless Connect volunteer and donor kick-off. Project Homeless Connect is a yearly one-day resource fair that provides health screenings, flu shots, dental exams, haircuts, drug counseling, legal aid, housing counseling and other services for San Diego's homeless families, veterans, seniors and disabled.





Homelessness is both an economic and a moral issue, especially considering a large number of San Diego's homeless are military veterans. To have men and women return from combat and end up on the streets is a real failure. Comprehensive programs like Project Homeless Connect provide the medical intervention necessary in many cases and break the mentality of dependence.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

→Volunteer to staff the event

Close to 400 volunteers are required the day of Project Homeless Connect.

\rightarrow Sponsor your own school, office or family donation drive (or make an individual in-kind donation)

Needed items include mini shampoos, soaps and other toiletries; new toothbrushes and toothpaste; new socks; gently used clothing, shoes, and winter coats; luggage (roller bags); eyeglasses; non-perishable foods; and gently used blankets and sleeping bags. Donations must be dropped off at Golden Hall **THE DAY BEFORE THE EVENT**, Tuesday, January 29, 2013 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

→ Donate the services of your business or non-profit

Needed professional services include housing information, legal aid, medical screenings, substance abuse recovery, dental screenings, food service/meals, mental health referrals, licensed child care, pastoral care, haircuts, and veterinary care.

The 2013 PHC will be held on Wednesday, January 30 from 9am-3pm at San Diego Concourse, Golden Hall, 202 C Street, San Diego 92101. The lead organizer for Project Homeless Connect is San Diego Housing Commission, in partnership with Family Health Centers of San Diego, St. Vincent de Paul Village, the Interfaith Shelter Network and other community organizations.

For more information or to sign up to help, visit www.sdhc.org.

Best,

Hon. Mark Kersey