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***Brown County Homeless Population  
Point in Time Statistics: January 28, 2011  
Compiled by the Brown County Homeless & Housing Coalition***

On January 28, 2011, 28 people who are committed to helping those in need in Brown County conducted a special headcount of the area's homeless population. Those people, representing each of the area's six homeless shelters as well as transitional housing programs and the Brown County Human Services Department, the Department of Veteran Affairs and other agencies and groups that provide services to the homeless, literally walked the streets to perform a street count between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.; they recorded people in shelters for the night as well as people living on the streets, in campgrounds, under bridges or other places not meant for human habitation. It is something these groups do twice each year in order to get a handle on the scope of the problem, trends and spot needs that can be served through various programs.

On that night, there were 559 homeless people in Brown County served by various shelters and transitional living programs (this is up from an average of 250 four years ago; 350 two years ago and from the 463 counted here in November, 2010), as well as four additional people found on the streets (last year an additional three people were found on the street the night of the physical count). Of those people:

- 221 were single people
- 100 were family units with 109 adults and 229 children (up from 184 in November)
- 46 were identified by HUD or local organizations as being "chronically" homeless (continually homeless for a year or longer; or four episodes of homelessness over past three years – **just 8% of the total**)
- Of the four 'unsheltered' people discovered on the street, one was able to enter St. John's shelter; one refused services; one went to the Brown County Mental Health Center and one was not approached due to a history of severe mental illness and aversion to interaction.

Although typically thought of as being an issue for the disabled, just 140 of the 336 homeless adults were listed as having some disability; 12 of the adult homeless were military veterans (just over 2% of the total; less than the 16% national average reported recently).

As of January 28, 2011, the Green Bay Area Public School District identified 633 homeless children for the 2010/2011 school year. (Other area school districts do keep track of homeless students and may be added to these counts in the future if they choose to report them to the Coalition.) Of those children:

- 472 are living "doubled" up; that is, couch surfing with friends/acquaintances
- 50 are in a hotel/motel
- 94 are living in shelters
- 17 are unsheltered

Please note that these statistics represent those homeless people identified and sheltered on January 28, 2011 only as reported by Freedom House, House of Hope, New Community Shelter, Golden House, and St. John's Shelter as well as people in transitional programs offered by Department of Corrections, Family Services, Forward Service Corporation-Supportive Housing Program, Freedom House, Integrated Community Solutions, New Community Shelter, The Salvation Army, and Oneida Transitional Housing.

In addition, we've included counts from the following agencies in Brown County:

- SOFT Program (families, placed in motels due to no beds available at family shelters)
- Integrated Community Solutions (families, placed in motels due to no beds available)
- Those reported to be on the street
- Family Services Open Door Youth Services

"The total number homeless on that night was the highest it has ever been," said Tami Frea Program Director for New Community Shelter and compiler of the county-wide statistics for the Coalition. "The number of homeless individuals and families in our community continues to rise."

The next Point in Time Street Count will be conducted sometime in July 2010. Last year agencies encountered 28 people but the count was abbreviated from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. only. We anticipate encountering significantly more individuals and families in July 2011's count as we will be counting from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

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