



United Way
Central and Northern
Vancouver Island

John Howard
Nanaimo Region John Howard Society

Canada

**Seeking Donations for Nanaimo’s Spring 2018 Homeless Count
Wednesday, April 18, 2018**

The 2018 Nanaimo Point-in-Time Homeless Count on April 18, 2018, will be conducted at specific sites around Nanaimo and at a community event where care kits will be handed out to participants.

A homeless count serves as a critical part of a community’s response and as a means of measuring progress in reducing homelessness. The 2018 event is part of a national homeless count taking place in more than 60 Canadian cities this spring funded by the Government of Canada’s Homelessness Partnering Strategy.

The national count is a step toward a larger movement. Over time, and as a collective, we can draw attention to the issue of homelessness with unprecedented information and clarity.

ITEMS NEEDED		
<p>NEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hats • Socks • Underwear • Shampoo/Conditioner • Razors • Nail Clippers • Toothbrushes/Toothpaste • Toilet Paper • Laundry Soap 	<p>USED (or new)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mittens & Gloves • Rain Gear/Jackets • Water Bottles • Travel Mugs • Reading Glasses • Memory Sticks • Sewing Kits • CLEAN Blankets • CLEAN Towels 	<p>GOOD CONDITION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tents/Tarps • Sleeping Bags • Backpacks • Duct Tape • Twine • First Aid Items • Flashlights/Batteries <p>* No clothing or household items, please</p>
<p>Donations may be dropped off at John Howard Society 1585 Bowen Rd., #200, Nanaimo Between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm weekdays, April 3 - 17</p>		

Want to volunteer?

Volunteers are needed to assist with conducting surveys and assisting at the homeless count community event. A 1.5-hour training session (either April 11 or 14) is required. If you’re interested in helping, please contact Andrew Thornton at pit@johnhowardnanaimo.org or (250) 755-9979.

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The Nanaimo Homeless Coalition, Nanaimo Region John Howard Society, and United Way Central & Northern Vancouver Island are organizing the event. This project is funded in part by the Government of Canada’s Homelessness Partnering Strategy.