

HOMELESS AWARENESS MONTH

AUGUST 2010

VA CHALENG Forum: The Community Homeless Assessment Local Education Network Group (CHALENG) Forum is open to agencies and community members interested in sharing and/or receiving information about homelessness and available services. This free event will be held on **Thursday, August 5 from 8am-1pm** at the VA Medical Center in Butler.

Poverty Simulation: The poverty simulation experience is designed to help participants understand the realities faced by low-income people. This free event will be held on **Friday, August 13 at 2pm** at Trinity Lutheran Church in Butler. Pre-registration is required.

Shantytown Fundraiser: Volunteers will collect pledges from sponsors and build a “shantytown” at Trinity Lutheran Church to gain empathy for people who experience homelessness. This event begins on **Friday, August 13 at 7pm and ends on Saturday, August 14 at 7am.**

Donation Collection Days: Donations will be collected on **Wednesday, August 11** at Slippery Rock Giant Eagle from **8am to 6pm**; **Wednesday, August 18** at Butler Wal-mart from **8am to 6pm**; and **Wednesday, August 25** at Zelenople BiLo from **8am to 6pm.**

Recognition Open House featuring Oxford House: The open house will provide an opportunity to learn about the Oxford House model and the positive impact it has had on the Butler County community. The event will be held on **Thursday, August 26 at from 12pm to 6pm** at 114 Orchard Ave in Butler.

5K Run for Shelter: 5K Walk/Run, including the Kids Fun Run, will be held on **Saturday, August 28 at 9am** at the VA Medical Center. Prizes for runners and free raffles for participants.

For more information about these events and how you can get involved to support homeless individuals and families in Butler County, please call Amanda at (724) 284-5114.

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Local Housing Options Team

The mission of the LHOT is to raise awareness of homeless and housing issues and to eliminate barriers to safe, accessible, affordable housing; therefore promoting dignity, hope, and stability in our community.