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**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY HOMELESS POINT-IN-TIME COUNT SCHEDULED THURSDAY, FEB. 23**

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**Tampa, Fla (February 22, 2022)** – On Thursday, February 23, community volunteers will deploy from seven locations across Hillsborough County to conduct the annual Hillsborough County Homeless Point-In-Time (PIT) Count. The data, collected by Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative (THHI) and partnering Tampa/Hillsborough County Continuum of Care member organizations, will be used to help implement housing solutions to reduce the length of time a person is homeless and the number of people experiencing homelessness.

Sparkman Wharf (615 Channelside Drive, Tampa, FL 33602) will serve as the Point-In-Time Count’s Command Center, providing a central location where the community can engage with local, regional, and national dignitaries and become educated on the issue of homelessness during the count.

Media opportunities will be available at the Hyde Park United Methodist Church deployment site starting at 6 am. Beginning at 9 am, Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative’s Chief Executive Officer, Antoinette D. Hayes-Triplett, will host the following leaders at Sparkman Wharf:

- David Dunning, Executive Director (VA)
- Dr. Indra Sandal, Chief of Innovation (VA)
- Dr. Alesia Scott-Ford, HUD Field Office Director (Jacksonville)

The homeless count is divided into two shifts:

**7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m | 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Volunteers will visit encampments, meal sites, shelters and other locations frequented by our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness. Those staying in emergency shelters and transitional housing will be included in the count as well. Data will be collected through a brief survey and observation, providing an overview of our residents experiencing homelessness in our community during a single, 24-hour period.

To schedule media interviews, contact Kalen Johnson at [johnsonkl@thhi.org](mailto:johnsonkl@thhi.org) or call 850.614.2049.

**About Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative**

The Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative confronts the challenges endemic in tackling homelessness by creating and maintaining strategic synergistic relationships with federal, state, local, and private entities, through the utilization of metric-informed strategy, and through the implementation of best practices across the Continuum of Care. For more information, visit [thhi.org](http://thhi.org).

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