

2024 Spokane Homeless Connect Data

- 1,500 Guests
- 118 Volunteers
- 116 registered vendors
- 103 Warrants Quashed
 - 16 by Superior Court
 - 20 by District Court
 - 67 by Municipal Court
- 263 Haircuts
- 120 Pets Served
 - PetSavers: distributed 85 vouchers for spay/neutering- \$8,000 and \$700 in vouchers for microchipping.
- CHAS Health
 - 30 medical patients
 - 9 flu shots
 - 17 dental patients
 - 4 for wound care
 - 8 patients seen by Hep C team,
 - 12 PRC/Insurance appointments
- Providence/Spokane ENT Audiologists
 - 24 hearing screenings
 - 5 additional ear exams
- Pend Oreille EMT
 - Treated 55 people for minor injuries, 2 people major injuries,
 - 21 flu vaccines
- Washington Poison Center
 - 73 doses of naloxone with training to community members
- ID Restoration
 - Issued 102 Credentials- IDs or Driver Licenses
- Breast Intentions
 - Fit 68 women with 138 bras in five hours.
- Food
 - Northwest Harvest gave away 14 pallets of food and nonfood supplies- which was nearly 10,000 pounds of food and hygiene items.
 - HC Food Bank gave away 4 full pallets of food, including:
 - 720 cans of tuna
 - 800 cans of Vienna sausage
 - 900 cans of vegetables
 - 1000 cup of noodles
 - 800 cups of fruit
- Housing
 - SNAP: 8 Assessments and spoke to well over 100 folks.
 - SHA: Were busy from the start to the end with questions about getting help with their housing, people wanting to check their waiting list status,

and some checking their voucher status. Did 1 CMIS enrollment and received more than 10 Pre-applications for the PSH waiting list.

- Spokane Fire Department gave away over 1,000 band-aids and over 500 sanitary napkins
- League of Women Voters registered 18 voters and gave out 86 hygiene bags, 26 bags with hats/gloves/2prs of socks and an additional 20 hats.
- WSU Research screened over 25 people for a research study
- The Way To Justice gave away 300 hygiene packs, 300 pairs of socks and 300 pairs of gloves

Quotes from Vendors:

- Just really special event, a huge success, wonderfully organized, never a dull moment and I look forward to coming again next year. Thank you for welcoming us, I am pretty sure this is the first time we attended and it will make my list of "must attend" annual events. Thank you for all you do and truly a fantastic job- big pat on the back and/or high five to the organizers and volunteers who make this possible.
- Thank you, to staff and support that was friendly, competent and efficient. Thanks for yummy food.
- I cried when I saw the haircut station. It is such a small thing that means the world to people who are in need.
- Everyone was so courteous and grateful. We stayed busy until we ran out of everything.
- Being able to see all of the different organizations come together to provide assistance all in one place was amazing.
- Reconnected with an old client who now qualifies for our help. So amazing to be able to make things better for him!
- We really loved the opportunity to be able to interface with folks not while they were in an emergency or in crisis. There were a number of folks that stopped by to tell us a story or discuss how grateful they were for Homeless Connect to exist and that was really clear by how many folks hopefully felt loved and supported.
- We had a patient present to us that had scheduled an appointment with Hep C but was scheduled out a ways. Our team was able to get her in the following week.
- We learned about some obstacles that kept our unhoused neighbors from making it to us for our services, even though they knew about us and need the items regularly that we provide. My favorite part of the event, as a resource navigator here, was getting away from the table for half an hour to network with other service providers that are just as passionate about serving our unhoused populations as myself and the rest of the team here at Our Place. Not only did it help me make sure the resource referrals I was giving out were up to date but also filled my cup, socially and emotionally, as a service provider who works with a population of a lot of discouraged (sometimes hopeless), worn out individuals. It gets to you sometimes at the end of the day, wondering if you made any difference for them. Here at the

Homeless Connect, I felt a solidarity amongst the other vendors. We do this work because it is necessary, because housing is a human right and access to basic needs is a human right. Mental health support and medical care access are human rights. The convention center was alive with a lot of burning heart and desire to figure out what we can do even better to get our neighbors housed, peer-supported, and on their way to self-sufficiency. That's the most beautiful takeaway for me.

- Thank you so much for having the Vendor Guide with the map and descriptions! They are not only helpful for us to help direct people to other services at the event but afterwards so we can update our resource list for clients.
- According to Spokane County Superior Court Judge Szambelan in an email, who participated in the Warrant Fest, "this year represents significantly more engagement by people in felony warrant-status than past years. Reconnecting folks with the court system without an arrest on a warrant benefits everyone. We appreciated the opportunity to work with our criminal justice partners to facilitate case resolution."

Other quotes from Social Media:

- Council President Betsy Wilkerson (from Facebook page): It was so inspiring to see so many service providers and volunteers helping our vulnerable population who are experiencing homelessness and on the cusp of homelessness. There was a hot meal, ID card services, free haircuts and even people from the legal system to help with outstanding warrants. The sea of humanity just pulled at my heartstrings and I am so grateful to the coalition organizers, volunteers and sponsors who help put on the annual Spokane Homeless Connect. It is my sincerest hope that we follow their lead and do our part to ensure that we work together to feed the hungry and care for those who are the most in need in our lovely City.
- City of Spokane Facebook page: The City of Spokane was proud to sponsor the Homeless Connect community resource fair yesterday at the Spokane Convention Center. At this event, local providers, agencies, and nonprofits offered a wide range of essential services, including haircuts, immunizations, insurance, food, health, identification, and pet services. The event also served as a survey site for the Point-in-Time Count, aiding in determining funding for homelessness resources and planning.
 - Video with interview with Mayor Brown located on the City's Facebook page