



DOWNTOWN **WOMEN'S** CENTER

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**DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER HOSTS VOLUNTEER DEPLOYMENT SITE FOR 2023 LOS ANGELES HOMELESS COUNT IN SKID ROW**

Los Angeles, CA – Yesterday the Downtown Women's Center (DWC) was the volunteer deployment site for the Los Angeles 2023 Point-in-Time (PIT) homeless count in the Skid Row community. DWC partnered with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to host this annual event that tracks the number of individuals experiencing homelessness in the community.

The PIT count is the nation's primary source of data on homelessness. It plays an important role in determining the distribution of federal funding and services to the unhoused.

"The results of the PIT count are critical to both local and federal policymaking and impact how we are able to address homelessness," said Amy Turk, CEO of DWC. "The funding DWC receives enables us to provide critical services to our clients, many of which are unique to women experiencing homelessness."

"This was my first year volunteering for the Homeless Count, and I am determined to do it again next year," said volunteer Maeve Schmitt. "Right off the bat, it was super clear that everyone at DWC was passionate about the work they do, and it made me excited to be a part of the effort to combat homelessness. Our designated area for the count was in the middle of the Fashion District, and it was eye opening to see how many people were homeless despite having all of these high rises, concert venues, and luxury stores in the area. It made me take a step back and reconsider why it's important to get the proper count, especially when you might not realize how many people need assistance in your area."

The **Downtown Women's Center (DWC)** is the only organization in Los Angeles focused exclusively on serving and empowering women experiencing homelessness and formerly homeless women. DWC envisions a Los Angeles with every woman housed and on a path to personal stability. Our mission is to end homelessness for women in greater Los Angeles through housing, wellness, employment, and advocacy. For more information, visit [www.DowntownWomensCenter.org](http://www.DowntownWomensCenter.org)

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