**Homeless Connect Summary Report – Richmond 2012**

The event continues to evolve in its' 4th year.

There was an increase in the number of participants including individuals with low income, sheltered individuals, and those experiencing absolute homelessness.

**Demographics**:

Registration documentation accounts for 44 people, but some registration forms are missing. The total number of participants is more likely 50-53 and includes a young mother and her 3 children.

Last year 27 individuals attended.

There was an increase in the number of women that participated this year: 20 (approximately 45 %) up 6 from last year.

The oldest individual was 82 years old and the youngest (aside from the children referenced above) was 20 years of age as compared with last year’s oldest 66 and youngest 26.

Services provided remain consistent as with previous years and included:

Footcare

Medical Care

Bike Repairs

Haircuts

Dental Services

Blood Pressure Monitoring

Flu Shots

Massage

Reflexology

Clothing Drug and Alcohol Assessment and Referral Services

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Most of the volunteers returned again this year with some new ones joining

There have been some changes with respect to the service providers in Richmond this past year and as a result 2 were not able to attend.

Some of the feedback comments included:

* Friendly
* Good clothing
* Thanks
* Good job
* Grateful for medical services
* Grateful for bike repair services