



# Outstanding Volunteer 2026

As part of Homelessness Awareness Month (November), the Contra Costa Council on Homelessness recognizes outstanding partners and projects.

The **Outstanding Volunteer** category honors individuals or groups whose voluntary, unpaid service meaningfully enriches the lives of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Contra Costa County. Volunteers may contribute through direct service, community support, resource distribution, mentoring, advocacy, organizing, or any other form of sustained, impactful involvement.

Nominees must:

- Volunteer **within Contra Costa County** in a non-paid capacity.
- Support people **experiencing or at risk of homelessness**, either directly or indirectly.
- Demonstrate one or more of the following:
  - **Length of service** (sustained involvement over time)
  - **Concentration of service** (significant commitment in a shorter period)
  - **Impact of service** (notable outcomes, consistency, or influence)
- Contribute through any setting including nonprofit organizations, community groups, faith communities, local initiatives, mutual aid networks, public programs, or independent volunteer efforts.
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All nominations are due by 5 pm Friday, September 11, 2026.

All nominees will receive recognition for their valuable work within the Homeless Continuum of Care. Specifics regarding the recognition process will be announced as plans develop.

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\* Required

## Tell us about the nominee

1. **Volunteer Activities in Contra Costa County (required):**

Describe the volunteer roles, responsibilities, activities, or contributions supporting people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

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Enter your answer

2. **Length and/or Intensity of Involvement (required):** Explain how long the nominee has been volunteering or describe the depth of their involvement.

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Enter your answer

3. **Impact of the Nominee's Volunteer Service (required):** Provide specific examples showing how the nominee has enriched the lives of people facing homelessness — through support, connection, leadership, advocacy, reliability, or other contributions. \*

Enter your answer

4. **Additional Strengths or Qualities (optional):** Share any qualities that make the nominee exceptional (e.g., compassion, creativity, perseverance, problem solving, community building). \*

Enter your answer



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