



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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“Echoes of Joy” Event Scheduled for Saturday, January 26th

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism is sponsoring **“Echoes of Joy”** *A Day of Caring and Sharing for Our Homeless or Disadvantaged*, on Saturday, January 26th, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Neighborhood Facility Recreation Center, 900 Elm Ave.

The following donations from the public would be greatly appreciated and helpful in providing needed items to individuals:

- Large and small portions of food for holiday-type meals.
- Food for take-home lunches such as crackers, chips, sandwich meat, fruit, etc. can be dropped off on Friday, January 25th, from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. or by 12 p.m. on January 26th.
- Uncooked food items can be dropped off on Friday, January 25th, from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.
- Cooked food items from a restaurant, only, can be dropped off by 12 p.m. on January 26th. No home-cooked food will be accepted.
- Gently used warm clothing for males, especially larger males, and for females, and youth, such as coats, hats, scarves, gloves, socks, long underwear, shoes, etc.
- Only new underwear will be accepted.

Clothing donations may be dropped off at Neighborhood Facility from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. beginning Monday, January 14th. Clothing donations will not be accepted on the day of the event.

For guidelines for all food donations, to volunteer, or for more information about Echoes of Joy, please contact Vivian Franks at 717-8672. For resource vendor opportunities, please contact Clarice Lorenzini at 434-3382. Also, if you are interested in attending, please see the flyer below for more information on the transportation, items, and services that will be provided.

Echoes of Joy
A day of caring and sharing with our Portsmouth family.

Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019 • 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Health Screening • Haircuts • Clothes Closets • Health Screenings
Haircuts • Meals • Entertainment • Music • And more**

Transportation provided from all PRHA housing communities,
7th Street (Corner near Bolden's Store), London Plaza, Oasis, Portsmouth Public Library, Queen Street
(by McDonald's), Elm Avenue & Portsmouth Boulevard, J.E. Parker Recreation Center,
Port Norfolk Recreation Center, Portsmouth SportsPlex,
Cavalier Manor Recreation Center, and Churchland Shopping Center.

Neighborhood Facility Recreation Center
(900 Elm Avenue • Portsmouth, VA 23704)

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