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## **HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK**

**November 10-18, 2018**

We observe [Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week](#) each year to draw attention to the problems of hunger and homelessness in our community. We invite you to check out our [Facebook page](#) each day this week to find out more.

Opportunities to participate in Austin:

[Community Conversation:](#) Ending Youth Homelessness - Wednesday, November 14, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Temple Beth Shalom  
[Downtown Safety Forum](#), to include a conversation on addressing homelessness, Thursday, November 15, 8:30-10:00 a.m., Texas Public Policy Foundation Auditorium



Each year, ECHO plans and leads the Point in Time Count (PIT Count), which is an annual census of the homeless population. Over 500 [Point in Time Count General Volunteers](#) work in teams to cover all of Travis County at a single point in time to talk with persons experiencing homelessness and conduct a survey that helps ECHO to better understand homelessness in our community. This year the Count is on January 26, 2019. [Please sign up for the PIT count today.](#)

# **YAY** **FOR** **PROP A** **AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND**

**Prop A has been approved!** Austin has made a historic \$250 million dollar investment in the future of our city – Proposition A, the Affordable Housing Bond, was passed by voters. This unprecedented Housing Bond is going to change the lives of tens of thousands of Austinites and our community is now on the path to addressing the housing crisis in the boldest way we have ever seen. We want to thank every voter who said “Yay for Prop A” and having faith that together, we can make Austin a city that people of all incomes can afford!

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## **Seton partners with SAFE, ECHO, and others to address human trafficking and homelessness**

ECHO is excited to announce our new partnership with the Seton Healthcare family and SAFE Alliance to provide healthcare and navigation for the homeless, and assistance for victims of human trafficking. Read more about the partnership [here](#).



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## ***Austin's Action Plan to End Homelessness - Update***

ECHO is pleased to share a [Progress Report](#) on [Austin's Action Plan to End Homelessness](#). The community is making great progress on all five of the strategies

outlined in the plan, and we are beginning the next stage of budget assessment and development of goals to move the plan forward.

## **Housing First**

Last week Mayor Adler welcomed Austin property owners, the [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development](#) the [Technical Assistance Collaborative, Inc. - TAC](#) and others to discuss a multifamily homeless preference initiative in Austin. We're excited to get this collaboration off the ground and grateful for the City and property owners for coming to the table to partner and help end homelessness for more people in Austin.



## **ECHO NEWS**

We are grateful for the years of dedication and service of **Casey Soberon** and **Katy Manganello**, who have moved on to new endeavors. You will be missed.

### ***We are excited to welcome:***

Sharyn Malatok, Chief Program Officer

Kaylin Rubin, Community Housing Liaison

Kate Moore, Director of CoC and Partnerships

Brandi Davis, CES Specialist

Whitney Bright, HMIS Trainer

Dylan Juza, Vista/THN Employment and Navigation Specialist

ECHO is thankful for our staff, and grateful to you for your ongoing support. We wish your family and friends a very Happy Thanksgiving. Please consider a [donation](#) to ECHO

this holiday season.

Many thanks,

Ann Howard



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