



# Athens Area Stand Down

Friday, October 6, 2023 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Athens County Fairgrounds | 286 W. Union Street, Athens, OH

**Dear Community Partner,**

We are excited to invite you to participate in the 8th Annual **Athens Area Stand Down**, **Friday, October 6, 2023** at the Athens County Fairgrounds.

## **What is a Stand Down?**

“Stand Down” is a military term that refers to taking a break from being on the battlefield. “Stand Down events” refer to community-based programs that help those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness “combat” their problems and rebuild their lives. Specialized services are provided exclusively at these events to veterans. Many social service agencies participate by providing free information and resources to both veterans and non-veterans.

## **Why should we have a Stand Down event?**

We are hosting the Athens Area Stand Down because the need for assistance with our area’s homelessness population is great. Our local service agencies and community organizations have made us aware of the need for helping both our homeless population and those at risk of homelessness. The needs of those affected are immense and seem to grow yearly.

## **How can you help?**

The Athens Area Stand Down is made possible through the donations, services and partnerships with area agencies and individual community members. Therefore, we would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us in making a difference in the lives of those in the greatest of need.

If you are interested in donating goods or services, hosting an informational table, or otherwise helping, there are ample opportunities at the Athens Area Stand Down. All donations to the event are tax-deductible within the limits of the law.

## **Have more questions?**

Please feel free to contact us with questions or if you need additional assistance.

Please contact: Kathy Hecht, 740-517-0619; or via email (*Please note the underscore kt\_hecht*) at: [kt\\_hecht@gmail.com](mailto:kt_hecht@gmail.com) ; or visit our webpage at [www.athensareastanddown.org](http://www.athensareastanddown.org) ; or visit us on Facebook at [Athens Area Stand Down](#)

We thank you for your consideration and we look forward to your participation at the **Annual Athens Area Stand Down**.

Best regards,  
Athens Area Stand Down Planning Committee  
Kathy Hecht, Treasurer