



Athens Area Stand Down

Friday, October 6, 2023

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for Vets & 12pm - 2 p.m. for Public
Athens County Fairgrounds | 286 W. Union Street, Athens, OH

Dear Community Partners:

We are honored to invite you to **“Stand Up for Stand Down”** at the **8th Annual Athens Area Stand Down, Friday, October 6th** 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.

How will Stand Down differ this year?

We are adapting our event to promote the safety social distancing. While we will not be doing drive-thru this year, many of the items including pre-packaged supplies and information from our community partners will be available in the parking area. Participants can then walk to the building for those looking for boots, jackets, and additional items. Lunch is available as well.

How can YOU help? Donate today! This event is possible through the financial gifts, donations and partnerships with area agencies and individual community members like **YOU!** Also, please share our official Athens Area Stand Down flyer (**attached red flyer**) at your place of business.

Financial gifts, visit: [The Athens Foundation's Donation](#) page. Donate via PayPal or any major credit card. Checks may be mailed to: The Athens Foundation, P.O. Box 366, Athens, OH 45701. All financial gifts should be earmarked, **“Athens Area Stand Down.”**

Donated items: Please review our suggested supplies list on our website and facebook. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are limiting our items to “one-size fits all” or “uni-sex” items this year. We are pre-packaging **boxes** with supplies and information to be distributed.

Service Providers: we invite you to participate by providing promotional information (*pamphlets, flyers, business cards, etc.*) for all participants to be included in the pre-packed boxes.

All donations to the event are tax-deductible within the limits of the law.

Have more questions?

Contact us with questions or for additional assistance. Please contact: Chairman, Kathy Hecht, 740-517-0619; or via email (*Please note the underscore kt_hecht*) at: kt_hecht@mail.com ; or visit our webpage at: www.athensareastanddown.org ; or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Athensstanddown

We thank you for your consideration and we look forward to your contribution to the Annual Athens Area Stand Down!

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