



Athens Area Stand Down

Friday, October 2, 2020 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Athens County Fairgrounds | 286 W. Union Street, Athens

Dear Community Partners:

We are honored to invite you to **“Stand Up for Stand Down”** at the **5th Annual Athens Area Stand Down, Friday, October 2nd** 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 due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

We are adapting our event to promote the safety and well-being of all participants, with a social distancing “Drive-Thru” style event with pre-packaged supplies and information from our community partners.

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 the attached **blue community partner** flyer. 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 **200 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 200 pre-packed boxes.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, please call before dropping off materials (740) 677-4240.

Please send or submit your information to: OhioMeansJobs-Athens County, Attn: Nancy Stotts, 510 W. Union Street, Athens, OH 45701. Please submit all materials by September 25, 2020.

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 5th Annual Athens Area Stand Down!

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