

Stockton Hosts Second Annual Sleep Out to Raise Funds, Awareness for Homeless Youth

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Galloway, N.J. – The local community is invited to join students, faculty and staff for Stockton's second annual Covenant House Sleep Out, a nationwide effort which challenges communities to sleep outside for one night in order to raise funds and awareness for homeless youth.

The event will be held rain or shine on **Friday, Nov. 4** at 7 p.m. at The Oasis, outside the university's Lakeside Lodge, located on the main Galloway campus.

Individual sleep-out participants must fundraise, and can be sponsored by non-participating donors. Donors can either donate to the Stockton University team or individual sleepers.

Stockton's goal is to raise \$10,000, the cost to house a homeless youth for one year at Covenant House. Donations will support Atlantic City Covenant House.

Stockton's Office of Service-Learning and Alpha Phi Omega are co-sponsoring the event.

Since 1989, Covenant House New Jersey has been providing food, shelter, immediate crisis care, and an array of services to homeless, runaway and trafficked youth between the ages of 18-21. There are currently 21 Covenant House locations in the U.S., Canada and Latin America.

Covenant House is the nation's largest privately funded agency serving homeless, runaway and at-risk youth. The organization keeps their doors open 24 hours for youth in need, and serve more than 56,000 homeless young people each year.

To donate or to join the Sleep Out team, visit <http://covhou.convio.net/goto/StocktonU>.

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