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BY NAME LIST WORKS TO HOUSE THOSE IN NEED

North Bay, ON: The recently instituted Nipissing District By Name List, or BNL, is working to get people housed in Nipissing District. The By Name List is a tool that helps to track and support individuals and families moving in and out of homelessness, connecting them to the most appropriate housing, services and supports.

During the Point in Time count of homelessness conducted in October of last year, 169 individuals gave their consent to have their names added to the BNL and be contacted by services to begin the process of matching them to housing and supports. Since that time, Community Partner agencies that are members of Coordinated Access Nipissing have continued to add the names of other households experiencing homelessness since the PiT Count and the list has risen to 193 individuals. To date, 37 individuals (19%) registered on the BNL have been housed, with 32 of them (17%) being from the original PiT count group. Once housed, those on the BNL list become “inactive”, but continue to receive support from local agencies to help them retain their housing, and are tracked for up to a year to ensure the help received has provided long-term stability from homelessness.

“We’re very excited that the By Name List tool appears to be working well, and the fact that the BNL is growing, even while we’re housing people, indicates that more people needing housing and supports realize this registry can work for them,” says Mark King, Chair of the DNSSAB.

The BNL has been in place and active in Nipissing District since January 1, 2022.

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