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**Youth Homelessness Surges to Jaw-Dropping Levels in Santa Clara County**

*Media invited to Sept. 26 Summit for Bill Wilson Center Study Results and Call to Action*

**SANTA CLARA, Calif. – September 14, 2017 --** Youth experiencing homelessness in Santa Clara County has reached alarming numbers according to an upcoming study from Bill Wilson Center. While the 2017 Point-In-Time Count revealed that thousands of youth were sleeping on the streets and in shelters every night, BWC’s school survey shows there are thousands more students couch surfing with no permanent home. High school students, from public and private schools throughout Santa Clara County, are experiencing homelessness.

Results of the study, “Count Me! Youth and Young Adult Homelessness, Santa Clara County, California” will be announced at a press summit hosted by Bill Wilson Center along with a discussion around the issues and recommendations on how to address youth homelessness.

**WHAT: Bill Wilson Center Press Summit on Youth Homelessness in Santa Clara County**

**WHEN:** Tuesday, September 26, 9 a.m.

**WHERE:** County Board of Supervisors Offices 70 West Hedding Street, Room 157,   
San Jose, CA 95110

**SPEAKERS:**

* Sparky Harlan, CEO, Bill Wilson Center
* Dave Cortese, President, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors:
* Cindy Chavez, Board of Supervisors
* Eric Masten, Director of Public Policy, National Network for Youth

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