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Damiano Center to Host Community Connect on October 26

The Damiano Center will host Community Connect this Thursday, October 26. This is an event designed for people experiencing homelessness or economic hardship, and it will take place from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at 206 W 4th St in Duluth. Community Connect is completely free with many resources available for those who are struggling economically. Lunch will be provided until 1:00 PM.

Community Connect is based on the national Project Homeless Connect, which began in San Francisco in 2004 and has since spread around the country. Community Connect was first held in Duluth in 2006. The purpose of the event is to connect people who are struggling economically with resources that can assist them.

The event is organized by a coalition of nonprofits including the American Indian Community Housing Organization (AICHO), Loaves and Fishes, the Damiano Center, and The Salvation Army, with support from St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services. These organizations and many others will offer information and resources at the event.

One of the highlights of this fall's Community Connect is the opportunity to resolve outstanding warrants. Individuals with outstanding warrants from anywhere in Minnesota will be able to speak with a public defender or prosecutor, arrange to pay fines, or have a hearing before Chief Judge Sally Tarnowski regarding their warrant.

Other services include flu shots, foot care, IDs and birth certificates, hair trims, and free winter clothing. There will also be variety of agencies with information and resources regarding mental health services, housing, domestic violence assistance, services for veterans, and many others.

The event is still in need of volunteers to provide hair trims. For those who are interested in offering this service or otherwise contributing to the Community Connect event, please call 218-722-8708 or email info@damianocenter.org.