

## **Update on St. Elizabeth's Involvement with Emergency Homeless Shelters**

Since many of you have been inquiring about the status of the emergency homeless shelter and how St. Elizabeth will be involved, we wanted to provide a brief update.

First, the emergency shelter that operated in Multnomah last December through early June will not be re-opened this year. That program (now known as the Hansen Shelter) moved to eastern Multnomah County in August and will be in operation for at least a year. This shelter is operating at its 200 resident capacity and priority was given to the former residents of the Multnomah shelter and residents of an emergency men's shelter Transition Projects operated downtown.

Transition Projects will be offering additional emergency shelter services at two locations—one at its main offices on NW Hoyt and the other in SE Portland. General information about these two shelters can be found on the backside of this flyer. St. Elizabeth's will be helping with these efforts in several ways. There is an immediate need for items that should be on site the first night the shelters open their doors. To help meet this need, we will be collecting the following items for adult men and women:

**December 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>:      New or "Gently-Used" Gloves, Hats & Coats**

**December 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>      New Socks and New or "Gently-Used" Shoes & Boots**

On both weekends, there will be volunteers collecting your donated items inside the Church entrance before each Mass. If you are donating "gently-used" items, please make sure they are clean and do not need to be repaired.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either one of us. St. Elizabeth's was incredible in its response to the needs of the homeless community last winter; in this Year of Mercy, you transformed word into action. We look forward to working with all of you again!

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# Severe Weather Services

## FAQ

### Surviving Severe Weather

Each year, Portland experiences bouts of inclement weather - referred to as **Severe Weather events** - that pose an immediate danger to people sleeping unsheltered. During these events, life-saving services are deployed across the Metro-area to ensure that anyone who needs it has access to a safe, warm, and dry shelter. Transition Projects is proud to operate the area's two largest severe weather shelters so that those with no other options have a place to turn when it matters most.

### Severe Weather Shelter & Services

#### What are the weather triggers for Severe Weather?

- The temperature or wind chill drops to 25° F (-3.9° C) or below;
- One inch or more of snow accumulates on the ground; or
- Temperature reaches 32° F (0° C) or below with significant rain or sleet.

#### What overnight shelters are available to unsheltered adults and couples?

- The Day Center at Bud Clark Commons: 650 NW Irving, Portland
  - Provides overnight shelter for 125 women, men, and couples
  - Open from 8:30 pm – 7:00 am
- Imago Dei Community Center: 1302 SE Ankeny, Portland
  - Provides overnight shelter for 100 women, men, and couples
  - Open from 8:30 pm – 7:00 am
- Severe Weather Shelters are easy-to-access and are on a walk-in basis with no reservation needed. Animals, bikes, and carts are welcome. No alcohol/drug use is permitted onsite.

#### What day services are available to unsheltered adults and couples?

- The Day Center at Bud Clark Commons offers expanded capacity for people seeking daytime shelter and provides coffee, showers, movies and more.
- The SOS (Safety Off the Streets) Shelter for women will remain open throughout the day for current shelter guests.

### How can I get involved?

#### Volunteer!

- We're actively seeking volunteers to help staff with our Severe Weather Shelters. Volunteers work alongside Transition Projects staff. *Volunteers with medical backgrounds are encouraged to participate to help triage, assess, and refer guests with medical needs.*
- **Volunteers must complete a background check and attend a one-hour Volunteer Orientation - contact Lauren Holt at [Lauren.Holt@tprojects.org](mailto:Lauren.Holt@tprojects.org) or see more information here.**
- Basic training for Severe Weather services is available to all volunteers. Trainings will take place at Transition Projects' main offices in Bud Clark Commons: 665 NW Hoyt St.
- **Upcoming training dates:**

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December 10<sup>th</sup>: 10-11 am                      &                      January 2<sup>nd</sup>: 10-11 am

**(IMPORTANT: If you are interested in volunteering to help staff the Severe Weather Shelters, please contact Lauren Holt directly at [Lauren.Holt@tprojects.org](mailto:Lauren.Holt@tprojects.org). St. Elizabeth's will not be involved in coordinating any volunteers for this role.)**