

Our Mission: Our Winter Shelter Ministry provides a safe, welcoming space for our neighbors during the coldest months, offering warmth, nourishment, and compassionate support. In partnership with our community, we work to meet immediate needs while honoring each person's dignity and fostering hope for long-term stability.

Our Purpose: The Winter Shelter Ministry exists to extend hospitality and security to those experiencing homelessness. Through dedicated volunteers, nutritious meals, and a commitment to safety, we provide a sanctuary from winter's harshness, embodying our shared responsibility to care for all in our community.

Core Values:

- **Dignity:** We create a safe, respectful, and welcoming space that honors the inherent worth and belovedness of each person.
- **Hospitality:** We offer a warm environment where each guest feels seen, valued, and cared for, providing comfort during the harsh winter months.
- **Low Barrier, High Access:** We strive to remove obstacles that might prevent guests from accessing shelter, creating an inclusive, judgment-free environment where everyone feels welcome and supported.
- **Community Partnership:** We collaborate with local organizations, recognizing that sheltering our neighbors requires the shared commitment and compassion of our community.
- **Justice:** We strive to address immediate needs while advocating for long-term solutions, treating shelter as a human right.

Guiding Principles:

- **Because dignity is central to our mission,** we will create an inclusive, respectful environment, upholding each guest's privacy, individual needs, and story. We honor each person's inherent worth, fostering a space where all are valued and welcomed without judgment.
- **Because we believe in the power of community,** we will work closely with local partners and volunteers, embracing collaboration as a path to greater impact. Through shared resources, insights, and dedication, we build a strong, compassionate network of support for our neighbors.
- **Because everyone deserves warmth and nourishment,** we will provide consistent, nutritious food and a safe, welcoming shelter every night.
- **Because access should be easy and judgment-free,** we uphold a low-barrier, high-access approach, reducing requirements that may limit entry. Our shelter is designed to welcome those who might otherwise struggle to find safe places to stay, making room for everyone who needs support.
- **Because change is a process,** we are committed to adjusting and improving our services, learning from feedback, and responding to the evolving needs of our guests. We remain flexible and open, allowing for continuous growth and adaptation in our shelter operations.
- **Because we trust in abundance,** we will seek community support to bridge funding gaps, inviting all to participate in providing shelter and safety for our neighbors. Our ministry relies on the generosity and care of our wider community, believing there is enough to meet the needs of all when we share.