Information on Crisis Cold Weather Shelters: Winter 2019

Ozarks Alliance To End Homelessness: cpozarks.org/endhomelessness


Crisis Cold Weather Shelters operate between November 1 and March 31. There are two overnight shelters available for adults (ages 18 +): one for men and one for women. Shelters announce by 2:00 p.m. each day if they will be open that night. Openings are based on if the National Weather Service overnight (10:00 p.m. – 4:00 a.m.) forecast is at or below 32 degrees. If the men’s shelter is open, the women’s shelter will be open. Shelter open/closed information is shared via phone (417-379-7332), shelter Facebook pages, and signs posted at the Springfield Affordable Housing Center.

**IDs and background checks are not required at either shelter.**

Crisis shelter for children is available year-round through Isabel’s House, ages birth - 12, (865-2273) and Great Circle, ages birth -18, (861-4244).

**Men’s shelter is located at East Sunshine Church of Christ, 3721 E. Sunshine St.**

- Doors open at 8:00 p.m. except for Monday and Wednesday, when they open at 8:30 p.m.
- Openings posted on Facebook: East Sunshine Church of Christ Men’s Cold Weather Shelter.

**Women’s shelter is located at Grace United Methodist Church, 600 S. Jefferson Ave.**

- Doors open at 9:00 p.m. - women are welcome on the property starting at 8:45 p.m. Entrance is on the east side under the blue awning.

**Transportation**

- On nights when Crisis Cold Weather Shelters are open, Connecting Grounds (1109 E. Commercial St.) will be open as a warming and pick-up site for transportation to shelters from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Individuals MUST be on-site by 7:00 p.m. to access transportation.**

  - City Utilities Transit will provide rides to and from overnight Crisis Cold Weather Shelters at designated times, except on Christmas Day night and New Years Day night.
  
    - Rides will be provided to the warming shelters in the evening between the hours of 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
    - Rides will be provided from the warming shelters in the morning during the 8:00 a.m. trip (8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.). Men can access transportation via the bus stop on Sunshine St.

- If Crisis Cold Weather Shelters are open on Christmas Day or New Years Day, evening transportation will be available. Individuals MUST be at Connecting Grounds by 7:00 p.m. to access shuttles.

*For more information on individual shelters, please see contact information below.*

- East Sunshine Church of Christ: Call 889-5455 and leave your name and phone number
- Grace United Methodist/Council of Churches: Email Nancy Crawford at ncrawford@ccozarks.org
- Connecting Grounds: Learn more and sign up at theconnectinggrounds.com/cold-weather-outreach

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