

Winter Freeze Shelter Opens

Winter Freeze Shelter Ministry Newsletter

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Stepping out of the cold, feeling the warmth of welcome, having a place to sit and eat a warm meal, these are comforts that we all appreciate. This is the experience of our guests at the Winter Freeze Shelter.

On December 15, the Winter Freeze Shelter opened for the eighth winter here at YSS Central Offices, 87 15th Street. The Winter Freeze Shelter offers safety and fellowship during the winter for those who need it, with your prayers, support and aid.



Women's Dorm in a past shelter season

Gifts from the Heart

Casadie DiBetta made a gift to Winter Freeze Shelter guests. Casadie is 12 years old. While she was at a swim meet in Indianapolis, she saw a young boy huddled under a bench to protect himself from the weather. Casadie's mother, Missy DiBetta told us that Casadie cried for 3 days after witnessing this. Then she took action. Researching what homeless people need, she made a flyer and got to work. Casadie asked her swim

team, neighbors, and members of the Lansing United Methodist Church in Lansing, Ohio to help. The pastor, Rev. John D. Jackson, is her grandfather.

Rev. John and Claire Jackson joined Missy and Casadie to deliver backpacks, on the left, with handmade scarves, non-perishable food and more. Casadie's moment of empathy transformed her sorrow into help for others in need.

We Need You to Volunteer !

Volunteers make the Winter Freeze Shelter the special place that it is. Overnight volunteers are still needed up to the March 15, 2017 close of the shelter.

Overnight volunteers work with shelter supervisors to take care of our guests. They arrive at 9:00 pm. At this point, they may help get the evening meal ready. Or with the shelter supervisor welcome our guests in from the cold.

At 9:30 pm, the guests and volunteers head to the 4th floor at 87 15th Street. Guests eat, find their bed and settle in for



the night. Volunteers do bed checks, clean up after the meal, and engage in conversation and fellowship with the guests. The presence of volunteers reassures these men and women of their safety and security.

Volunteers make coffee in the morning and wake the Winter Freeze Shelter guests so they can prepare for their day. Volunteers leave by 8:00 am as do our guests.

You can be a volunteer for the Winter Freeze Shelter, call Holly Fox, YSS, 304-218-2847 for an orientation and to be scheduled.

Thank you for your help.

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a reality !**

AEP Mitchell Plant workers brought a Christmas tree to the Winter Freeze Shelter. On it, and with it , were gifts of gloves and other warm clothing for our guests, seen before the gifts were distributed and after. The AEP Mitchell plant employees made a donation to the Shelter as well as donating other goods including bottled water. This is in addition to a sleigh full of gifts for youth served through Youth Services System.