



Warm Meals, Safe Shelter: Feed and Support 1,000+ Bed Nights



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Hi {{FirstName or 'friend'}},

As winter approaches, so do the dangers that our most vulnerable neighbors face. **Frostbite and hypothermia are real threats for those without shelter, and each year we see a surge in people seeking safe shelter at the Lawrence Community Shelter.**

Last winter, our priority was to quickly bring people indoors and keep them alive, but we were stretched too thin. With limited resources, staffing shortages, and supplies running out fast, we faced challenges every day. **At times, we ran out of food and hygiene supplies.** Despite these challenges, the resilience and generosity of our community allowed us to keep our doors open and provide life-saving shelter during the harshest nights of the year.

During last winter's ice storm, people quickly mobilized to open additional shelters and distribute resources, and thanks to the selflessness of volunteers, donors, and neighbors, we kept people safe from the cold. **It was a powerful display of the kindness and compassion that run deep in our community.**

This year, we're better prepared. With The Village, we now have heated cabins, additional beds, and plans for more shelter support. Thanks to city support, we're operating at safe

staffing levels and have made essential safety upgrades, including enhanced security systems and critical repairs throughout the building.

But we can't do this without you. So far this year, we've provided over 37,000 bed nights—representing every bed filled for every night this year. With 90 nights of winter ahead, we anticipate providing more than 13,000 bed nights. **However, if all our beds fill up, we may face a shortfall in essential resources—like food and hygiene supplies—that our guests rely on during the winter months.**

You can help in many ways: donating, volunteering, organizing a hygiene drive, sending encouraging notes, or sharing our mission with your network. Every connection to our community matters. **Please consider giving a gift to support safe shelter this holiday season.**

Winter is the hardest season for those we serve, but together, we can create a season of hope and warmth.

Sincerely,

James Chiselom
Executive Director
Lawrence Community Shelter

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A Note From John



I'm John Krehbiel, and I'm reaching out today to ask you to support our Winter Emergency Shelter efforts this winter

Other News

Save the Date: Our next public Board Meeting is on Thursday, December 19th, at the Lawrence Public Library starting at 5:30pm. [Click here to join us on Zoom.](#)

Become a Monthly Sustainer: For as little as \$10 or \$25 a month, you can help us sustain critical services at the Lawrence Community Shelter. Just a small monthly donation makes a big impact as we serve more people than ever. [Sign up today!](#)

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season. You may know me from my work as Director of Jubilee Cafe, or through Justice Matters, and I'm also serving on the Board of Directors at LCS.

For the past five years I've volunteered with every Winter Emergency Shelter that Lawrence has offered. Those efforts have included simply working a shift here and there all the way to managing the 2020-21 WES in area hotels, whereby we sheltered as many as 228 people on a given night. As a rule, and over that period of time, we have been successful in ensuring that no one wanting a place inside was denied a place inside.

If you are able, please consider signing up to volunteer this winter, or making a donation, or organizing a drive to collect winter essentials and hygiene supplies. You can even help by getting other folks involved - whether it's your coworkers, school friends, or other members of your faith community.


There are many ways you can help, many ways in which you can make a real difference. Many ways in which YOU can help US, literally save lives this winter.

Sincerely,





John Krehbiel
LCS Board Member
Director of Jubilee Cafe


solutions to homelessness. [Click here to listen now.](#)

 **Top Needs:** Our shelter could really use bottled water, adult underwear, shower shoes, snacks, winter gloves, boots, hygiene items, and more winter supplies. [Click here to view our Amazon Wishlist.](#)

Donations are accepted at the front desk between 8AM-6PM every day.

 **Winter Care Kits:** What better way to show how much you care for your community than to give care packages? Care packages can include hygiene kits, snack bags, or seasonal essentials. Making care packages is a fun activity to do with your family, friends, classmates, or co-workers! [Visit our website to view our How-To Guide.](#)

 **Advocate:** Your voice can help drive change and support those in need. [Learn how to advocate](#) for policies that prioritize affordable housing and critical support services!

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