



Severe Weather Shelter Network

Is a faith-based organization, partnering with other community organizations, to provide emergency, overnight shelter to individuals living on the streets.

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Grace and Peace to you Heritage United Methodist Church:

Thank you for your very generous Christmas gift of \$3,783.94. Your gift is such a blessing, as we launch a new season of Severe Weather Shelter Network.

In the month of December we sheltered 20 nights in a row! We averaged 60 people in our shelters each of those nights and were able to provide a love connection. On a nightly basis we welcome them by name; provide wholesome food to fill their stomachs; a warm place for their rest. But most importantly, we provide warm, friendly and loving fellowship. We practice loving them as they are. We practice being family in Jesus name.

There is one story I simply must share with you. Last season we sheltered a couple that often arrived in varying degrees of alcoholic intoxication. A number of nights they were too intoxicated for us to keep them. We had to send them to detox where they would be safe and appropriately cared for. When registration began this season I was privileged to receive them. Sober. Fresh hair cuts and clean. While I visited with them, I learned they made a decision to give up liquor. Together, they are keeping each other sober. I firmly believe that because we were able to love them, as they are, able to speak their names in love, provide them with hot meals and a safe place to sleep, they were able to begin believing in themselves again. Together, they are finding the energy and strength to make this huge change in their lives. This is the impact family love can have in a life.

Your gifts help us continue loving those who are most in need of a warm, safe and loving place to be recognized as one of God's children.

Leaning into our future in Christ,

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