

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE December 30, 2022

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Update on Activation of Temporary Inclement Weather Shelters by the Office of Homeless Solutions**

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) activated the opening of temporary inclement weather shelters (TIWS) on December 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26, 2022 in the City of Dallas based on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric forecast, in accordance with Chapter 45 of the City Code.

Those experiencing homelessness were directed to Austin Street Shelter 2 (ASC2) located at 2929 Hickory Street, Oak Lawn United Methodist Church (UMC) located at 3014 Oak Lawn Avenue, and Warren UMC located at 3028 Malcom X Boulevard, beginning December 22, 2022. Intake hours at all locations began at 12:00 p.m. The Erik Jonsson Central Library (Central Library) opened on December 23, 2022, with intake beginning at 4:30 p.m. Transportation services to shelters were provided throughout this event and coordinated by ASC2 leadership. A review of the intake records will be conducted and a report on the final cumulative numbers is forthcoming.

In addition to the TIWS, OHS outreach teams conducted site visits to area encampments and hotspots to encourage individuals to seek shelter, those that refused shelter were given cold weather packets containing hand and foot warmers, a hat, gloves, and a mylar blanket. OHS also partnered with the Department of Parks and Recreation to distribute individual cold weather packets to those in need at fourteen (14) recreation centers located throughout the fourteen (14) City Council Districts. In total, fifty-nine (59) cold weather packets were distributed.

Through a tremendous amount of advance coordination and preparation the TIWS plan was promptly implemented and provided shelter for our homeless neighbors. We are well-prepared to continue the TIWS activities throughout this season's inclement weather. This work would not have been possible without support from the Office of Emergency Management, the Parks Department, Dallas Fire Rescue, Dallas Police Department, Building Services, Oak Lawn UMC, OurCalling, Stewpot, Salvation Army, Housing Forward, Downtown Dallas Inc., Austin Street Center, Warren UMC, North Texas Behavioral Health Association, and the Dallas City Council.

We would also like to thank the following donation partners for their support: Roar for Change, Bishop Lynch Basketball Team, Baller Moms Kitchen, various City of Dallas

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Council Members, and all the area homeless services providers. Collectively, we were able to provide medical services, meals, and transportation throughout this period.

If you have any questions or should you need additional information at this time, please reach out to me or Christine Crossley, Director of the Office of Homeless Solutions. As always, thank you for your support and cooperation.



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