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Dear Community Leaders,

This letter expresses Lighthouse Recovery Community Center's (LRCC) support for the Manitowoc Warming Shelter.

LRCC witnesses first-hand those seeking safe, warm shelter from the elements and the long waiting lists they often encounter to enter other programs. Those seeking housing assistance are faced with red-tape and can go days without safe shelter. In addition, the availability of affordable housing units is at a record low.

Recently, LRCC participated in Manitowoc County's Point In Time Count, where five (5) individuals were found sleeping in the outdoor elements and/or in vehicles in the City of Manitowoc alone.

The proposed warming shelter will provide a safe place for our homeless citizens to shelter during the winter months and will help to prevent death and injury from exposure to our harsh Wisconsin winter weather.

LRCC fully supports a drop-in, low barrier warming shelter in the City of Manitowoc.

Sincerely,

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