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ReLAUNCH Announces Opening of Seasonal Shelter Following Certificate of Occupancy Approval

Knoxville, TN — December 22, 2025 — ReLAUNCH is pleased to announce that it has officially received its certificate of occupancy, allowing the organization to open its seasonal shelter beginning tomorrow night, December 23, and continuing nightly through the end of February.

The shelter, located at 409 N Broadway, will operate every night from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., providing a safe, warm place for individuals seeking overnight refuge during the coldest months of the year.

At 8:00 a.m. each morning, the facility will transition into a daytime warming and hygiene space. Individuals living under the bridge and in surrounding areas will be able to access bathrooms, showers, and a warm indoor environment throughout the day.

“Securing the certificate of occupancy ensures we can open our doors at a critical time,” said Linda Conaway, President. “Our goal is to offer stability, dignity, and safety for our neighbors who need it most both overnight and during daytime hours.”

ReLAUNCH encourages community members, partners, and supporters to help spread the word so that anyone in need knows where to find shelter and daytime support throughout the winter season.

About ReLAUNCH

ReLAUNCH aims to support functional zero by weaving a web of interagency collaboration, so dense, no human falls through the cracks. In addition to providing direct services, ReLAUNCH acts as a liaison, connecting vulnerable humans with resources, in the highest-risk locations; meeting people where they are.

For more information about ReLAUNCH, please visit <https://therelaunch.org>. Donations can be made at <https://givebutter.com/xgoYkt>.

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