What's the Warming Center Community?

We are a cluster of county interdenominational churches and service organizations that have banded together the past four years to staff a warming shelter for the homeless during January and February.

Where is the shelter located?

We are using the basement of Sts. Cyril & Methodius on the corner of 8th & New Jersey Ave.

When does the shelter operate?

We hope this year to be open the months of January and February from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.

How does the shelter operate?

Guests arrive between 6:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. After that they may only gain admittance with a police referral. Guests leaving after 9 p.m. may not re-enter. They are offered a warm meal around 8:00 p.m. Organizations, families, and restaurants bring the food. Around 6:30 a.m. the guests are awakened, and a simple breakfast is served.

How many guests do you get?

The past four years the number has varied from one to twenty-two a night.

What would be my commitment?

You fill out a standard application form. You would be assigned a shift of service to our guests. The shifts are 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.; 5:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. You never work alone. We hope to have volunteers never serve more than every eight days. You can, however, indicate how often you would like to serve.