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Community Action Announces Warming Centers

ROCKFORD, ILL. - The City of Rockford Human Services Department, a Community Action Agency, announces the availability of warming centers in Winnebago and Boone counties during the 2017-2018 winter season.

These facilities provide safe and warm locations during extreme cold temperatures for area residents with inadequate heat or those who turn their thermostat down to save energy costs (do not lower your thermostat below 60 degrees).

In addition, residents are encouraged to ensure seniors and other vulnerable relatives, friends and neighbors are safe during times of extreme cold. Churches and other organized groups are also encouraged to check-in on the well-being of their members.

In the event of a severe weather crisis, more sites may be opened as needed. Call 2-1-1 resource line or text the keyword COLD to 51555 to obtain a comprehensive and updated list.

Call the Community Action Agency at 844-710-6919 to see if you are eligible for assistance:

-) If you are without heat because your utilities are shut off;
-) If you are a homeowner with a non-working furnace;
-) If you are homeowner interested in weatherization improvements to make your home more energy and cost efficient; or
-) If you are living on the streets and need shelter.

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**Warming Centers
Winnebago and Boone Counties
November 2017 through April 2018**

Winnebago County Sites

The Carpenter's Place

1149 Railroad Ave. Rockford

Mon-Fri 8:15am – 3:00pm

Rockford Rescue Mission

715 W. State Rockford

Women's Crisis Center/Women and Children Only

8:00am – 5:00pm/7days a week

Men's Crisis Center

7:00am – 7:00pm/7 days a week

Oak Street Health

301 E. State St. Rockford

Mon – Fri 8:00am – 5:00pm

Pecatonica Village Hall

405 Main St. Pecatonica

Mon-Fri 8:30am – 4:30pm

Village of Machesney Park

300 Roosevelt Rd. Machesney Park

Mon-Fri 8:00am – 4:30pm

Boone County Sites

Salvation Army

422 S. Main St. Belvidere

Mon-Fri 9:00 – 11:45am 1:00-4:00pm

Belvidere Public Safety Building

615 N. Main St. Belvidere

24 hrs/7 days a week

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Area State Authorized Sites

Illinois Dept. of Human Services

Family Community Resource Center

171 Executive Parkway Rockford

Mon-Fri 8:00am - 5:00pm (except State and Federal holidays)

Belvidere Oasis/Illinois Tollway

East of Belvidere Toll Plaza on I90

24 hrs/7 days a week

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