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Winter Shelter Network  
A DOUGLAS COUNTY FAITH-BASED INITIATIVE

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INVOLVED!



**Every Monday Night, November 2016 – March 2017**  
**Monday, 5:00 p.m. – Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.**

Grace Chapel has partnered with the Winter Shelter Network (WSN) to provide housing during the winter months for up to 40 women and children one night each week.

The WSN is a group of churches in Douglas County who are partnering together to help residents who are experiencing homelessness. The WSN is led by a council made up of representatives from partner churches and community agencies.

This initiative helps homeless women and their children in Douglas County who would normally be sleeping in their car, but during the winter months have nowhere to go. Grace will offer a clean bed, a hot evening meal, breakfast, a packed lunch, and showering facilities.

## **WE NEED YOU!**

In order to provide these services for these deserving women and children, we need over 100 volunteers each month.

Each week we need a team of people for many different roles: meals, evening, and overnight hosts, a laundry and supply team, and set-up and clean-up crews. You can volunteer once-a-month, or every week.

**If you are interested in learning more, visit us online at [GraceChapel.org/Outreach](http://GraceChapel.org/Outreach), or contact Jennifer Martin at [jmartin523@gmail.com](mailto:jmartin523@gmail.com) or 303.332.1242.**

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Set-up Crew – 4 or more people** – This crew is responsible for preparing for the guests each host night. The Set-up Crew organizes the space for guests to sleep as well as for dinner to be served. This team volunteers the afternoon the guests arrive at 6 p.m. on the host day.

**Meal Hosts** – This important team can be divided into three groups based on the meal they help provide: dinner, sack lunch, and continental breakfast.

- **The Dinner Team – 3-4 people** – This team prepares a hot dinner meal at home and then brings it to the church the night of hosting. Dinner volunteers should prepare enough food for 40 people plus a few volunteers. Guests are blessed when Dinner Team volunteers stay and eat with them.
- **The Sack Lunch Team – 2-3 people** – This team organizes the food necessary for our guests to make a sack lunch for the following day. Lunch items can be dropped off before 6:00 p.m. on the night of hosting.
- **The Continental Breakfast – 2-3 people** – This team provides easy-to-eat breakfast items for the guests. Breakfast items can be dropped off during the host night.

**Evening Hosts – 2 or more people** – The Evening Host team serves from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Their job is to make the environment of the shelter as home-like as possible. Whether helping a family find mats to sleep on or playing a game with kids, this team is all about hospitality.

**Overnight Hosts – 2-8 people** – This team is responsible for spending the night with the guests to provide security and support. Men and women should make up this team. Overnight hosts serve from 8:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.

**Clean-up Crew – 4 people** – Following a great host night, the Clean-up Crew arrives at 7:00 a.m. They sanitize the beds as well as place the linens into bags for the Laundry Team. This team is responsible for preparing the room for everyday use.

**Laundry Team – 2 or more people** – This team takes the blankets and towels used during a host night and washes them for use the next week. Two or more people can make up the Laundry Team. The more the merrier!

**Supply Team – 2 or more people** – Lots of details go into a great host night. The Supply Team prepares for these details. Checking for clean linens, collecting sample size toiletry items, and gathering hospitality items (e.g. coloring books, toys, crafts, paper products) are all tasks of the Supply Team.