



C-U Men's Shelter

The C-U Men's Shelter exists to provide a safe, warm space for our neighbors who are struggling with homelessness to stay during the winter nights.

This work is done in collaboration with many local organizations, faith groups, homeless service providers, and caring individuals.

The shelter will open from 9:00 pm to 8:00 am, every evening from November 20 through March 31 at New Covenant Fellowship in Champaign. It will be staffed by trained and experienced full-time staff members. However, to make the space most welcoming, we are looking for volunteers who can help out in the following ways:



1) Providing Food: As our friends come in off the street each night, we will provide them with a small, nutritious snack. As such, we are looking for groups who would be willing to supply a week's worth of evening snack and/or breakfast food items for approximately 25 people. This food would need to be non-perishable and prepackaged—such as granola bars, cookies, juice boxes, and trail mix.

2) Evening Registration: This experience is from 9:00 pm to 10:00 pm nightly. As men enter the shelter each night, we are looking for volunteers who would be willing to assist with registration. This includes greeting the men warmly and entering their information into a form. Registration is done in close supervision of our shelter staff and will be located in the public, common area.

3) Morning Clean-up: This experience is from 6:30 am to 7:30 am on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. As we seek to provide a welcoming environment and to be good stewards of the building of New Covenant Fellowship, it is necessary to deeply clean the shelter area. This work includes sweeping, mopping, general clean-up, and will be done in connection with shelter staff.

As we labor in love, we are grateful for the many community partners who help to make this happen. To volunteer or seek more information, please contact Cory Blackwell at Faith United Methodist Church (cory@champaignfaith.org or at the number below).

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