

FAITH WITH ITS SLEEVES ROLLED UP

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Topeka Warming Centers to Re-Open Monday, February 17th

Based on a collaborative partnership with the National Weather Service and their prediction of extreme winter weather forecasted to impact the region next week, Topeka Rescue Mission (TRM) and Fellowship Hi-Crest (FHC) are reopening safe refuges for those in need. Beginning **Monday, February 17, at 2:00 PM**, TRM and FHC will reopen their warming centers to ensure that individuals experiencing homelessness have a warm, secure place to seek shelter from the dangerously cold temperatures. The warming centers closed on 2/14/2025 due to the expiration of life-threatening weather conditions in our area. This closure will give our organizations an opportunity to deep clean and prepare for the predicted upcoming frigid weather conditions next week. This time will also allow the dedicated volunteers and staff from multiple partner organizations a chance to reset to cover additional days needed for the next round of critical winter weather concerns.

The warming centers offer a safe environment and essential support services. TRM and its community partners remain committed to standing in the gap for Topeka's most vulnerable residents, ensuring that no one must endure the harsh conditions without protection.

“Our partners and the Topeka community make this work possible,” said La Manda Cunningham, CEO of Topeka Rescue Mission. “We are grateful for the flexibility of our partners, our community volunteers, and all those who support these life-saving efforts as we navigate these conditions and make critical decisions. Together, we will continue to stand in the gap for our unsheltered neighbors, ensuring they have warmth, safety, and hope.”

Community support is critical to our ability to provide this service. Here's how you can help:

- Volunteer: bit.ly/tpkwarm2025
- Provide Essential Supplies: Donations such as snacks, bottled water, blankets, hygiene products, and cleaning supplies can be delivered to 401 NW Norris from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday, or at 601 NW Harrison (west side of the building) during other times. All donations will be shared among warming center sites.
- Donate Financially: trmonline.org/warmingcenter

Topeka Rescue Mission Ministries is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization working in the Topeka Community and surrounding Shawnee County. TRM works with community partners to reach those in need by bringing help and hope through serving those experiencing homeless and feeding the hungry. To learn more, please visit trmonline.org or follow Topeka Rescue Mission Ministries on Facebook.