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Topeka Warming Centers to Close Friday, February 21st, at 11 AM

Topeka Rescue Mission Ministries (TRM) and Fellowship Hi-Crest, which have offered shelter and support to our unsheltered neighbors over the past 4 days, will close their warming centers on Friday, February 21, 2025, at 11 a.m. Deep appreciation goes out to Street Dog Coalition, Street Team Ministry, Valeo, and United Way of Kaw Valley, as well as the many other community partners, volunteers, and supporters who stepped in to assist during this time.

As of this update, a total of **143 individuals** have accessed the warming centers, finding refuge from the life-threatening weather conditions. The **Street Dog Coalition** has stepped up to ensure that no one has to choose between shelter and their beloved pets—providing safe accommodations for **41 dogs and 4 cats**, as well as **other procedures** to support pet health. Beyond the warming centers, the **Topeka Rescue Mission (TRM) is currently sheltering more than 250 individuals**, continuing its commitment to those in need. Meanwhile, the TRM outreach team remains actively engaged, assisting many who are still in their locations.

"TRM is deeply grateful to our partners and volunteers who have stepped up three times in less than two months to provide safe, warm spaces for our unsheltered neighbors and their pets. Their dedication has ensured that the most vulnerable in our community know they are valued and cared for. While the warming centers are closing, our outreach teams will continue working to provide safe solutions and ongoing support. Our commitment remains steadfast—we will stand in the gap for those in need, offering services and resources to help them move forward. We invite each member in our community, from individuals and churches to businesses and government, to join us in this critical effort." - La Manda Cunningham, TRM CEO.

This effort is more than just a response to cold weather—it's a testament to the power of a community coming together. These numbers represent real lives impacted, real moments of relief, and real steps toward a brighter future. While emergency shelter is critical, the mission goes deeper: fostering long-term stability, rebuilding lives, and ensuring that hope is never out of reach. Together, we are making a difference—one person, one pet, and one act of compassion at a time.

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 homelessness and feeding the hungry. To learn more, please visit trmonline.org or follow Topeka Rescue Mission Ministries on Facebook.