



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE SPRINGFIELD, OH (Dec. 21, 2022)**

### **Emergency Shelter Opens Tomorrow Through Weekend**

The City of Springfield joins the Nehemiah Foundation Faith Community Crisis Response Team and Sheltered Inc. to provide shelter amid extreme cold weather that is forecast for the area this weekend. The shelter will open at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22 and is expected remain open through Saturday morning. The shelter will be located at the Salvation Army, 15 S. Plum St. The shelter entrance is off of Plum Street.

“The Faith Community Crisis Response Team is ready to support neighbors in most need as we prepare for extreme weather conditions this week,” said Amy Willmann, executive director of the Nehemiah Foundation. “We are thankful for our partners from Sheltered, Inc. and the Salvation Army, as well as all of our churches and volunteers who come together to serve during this time.”

The shelter will be open 24 hours through Saturday morning. As the weekend approaches and unfolds, officials will continue to assess the need for warming center and warming shelter services.

“We always aim for coordinated entry into even better conditions for each client, but we will remain open throughout the entire holiday weekend if necessary,” said Willmann.

This community collaborative response is coordinated among the Nehemiah Foundation, Salvation Army, Sheltered Inc., the City of Springfield, United Way Volunteers United, and many other local support networks.

Volunteer opportunities are still available. Those interested are asked to register at <http://uwccmc.galaxydigital.com/need>.