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City of Pine Bluff to Open Overnight Warming Center Due to Inclement Weather

Pine Bluff, Arkansas - February 17, 2025 – In response to the dangerously cold temperatures and with a steadfast commitment to community health and safety, the City of Pine Bluff is announcing the opening of a warming center. This initiative underscores the City's dedication to protecting vulnerable populations during extreme weather conditions.

In partnership with DePaul USA, The City's warming center will be stationed at the Opportunity House (Old First Ward School), located at 1305 East 6th Avenue. Beginning Monday, February 17, 2025, the center will operate from 3:00 PM to 7:00 AM until Saturday morning, February 22, 2025.

Services Provided

The warming center will offer:

- A heated, secure indoor space
- Sleeping accommodations available on a first-come, first-serve basis
- Essential amenities

The City encourages residents to share this information with those in need of the warming center's services.

To strengthen this initiative, the City of Pine Bluff is seeking support from community organizations, faith-based groups, and volunteers. Contributions such as blankets, warm clothing, and non-perishable food items are urgently needed and can be delivered to the Opportunity House.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact The Opportunity House at 870-569-3130 or email the Mayor's Office at mproctor@cityofpinebluff-ar.gov. The City will continue to monitor weather conditions and provide updates on any adjustments to this plan.

By coming together, we can ensure that Pine Bluff residents remain safe, warm, and cared for during these extreme weather conditions.