



Overnight shelter available for homeless adults during winter

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Overnight shelter for adults experiencing homelessness is available through the city's Winter Shelter Program. The program will provide homeless individuals with a place to sleep every night from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. at various faith organizations in Virginia Beach.

Participating faith organizations rotate weekly until April to provide overnight shelter and meals. Some organizations may provide additional support and resources, such as toiletries, clothing and medical care.

Volunteers of America (VOA), under contract with the city Department of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation, operates the Winter Shelter Program and provides participants with transportation from the Lighthouse Center, 825 18th St., to the faith organizations.

VOA is still in need of blankets for the Winter Shelter Program. To donate, drop off new or gently used blankets to the Lighthouse Center at the hours listed below. VOA also accepts monetary donations.

For more information about the Winter Shelter Program or to donate, contact Debbie Maloney with VOA at (757) 437-4911, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., or on weekends from 7 a.m. to noon and from 6 to 8 p.m.

Families with children experiencing homelessness or who are at risk should call Connection Point at (757) 227-5932 to access the city's homeless prevention and services system.