



Join Severe Weather Shelter Network in Celebrating the Movement of God's Mighty Right Hand!

"I am the LORD, your Holy One, Israel's Creator and King. I am the LORD, who opened a way through the waters, making a dry path through the sea....But forget all that - it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.... Yes, I will make rivers in the dry wasteland so my chosen people can be refreshed. Isaiah 43:15-20 NLT

Celebrating What Was...

Severe Weather Shelter Network was birthed out of the Church. The Church is where we welcomed guests for seven seasons. The Church is where volunteers recognized their passion and served our guests with us. The Church is where we experienced Refuge most deeply on shelter nights. A place of welcome, a place of safety and rest. The Church is where we saw lives changed, both for our volunteers and our guests. Thank you LORD for Your Church, Your House into which more than 800 individuals have all been welcomed, fed and sheltered over seven seasons!

Thankful for What Is...

Severe Weather Shelter Network is celebrating God's faithfulness and provision this season. We are thankful to have been able to shelter more than 600 individuals this season and provide them with meals every night. We are thankful for the volunteers who cooked, packaged and delivered all those meals. We are thankful for new staff working with partners and who are leading us into a brighter future, ushering in the Kingdom of God in and through the motels. We are thankful for new and deeper partnerships with cities and counties as the realities of homelessness are finally being seen and recognized as an important concern for all of us.

So what is the "something new" God is revealing to us and how can you be a part of it right now?

COVID confirmed and revealed geographic areas in which no resources are easily accessible to assist adults experiencing homelessness in our communities. ***We believe God is inviting us to double down through:***

- ***Refuge***
 - By Identifying a single church building in each region in which we will host all Shelter day activities including: Motel Vouchers, Food packaging and delivery, and emergency overnight shelter when we are able to provide congregate shelter once again.
 - Motels will continue to be a place of Refuge for the sick, the disabled and the working guests whom we haven't been able to shelter in past seasons.
- ***Relationship***
 - As each site will welcome partner organizations into our space to assist guests in connecting with important resources to aid them in getting into permanent housing as they are ready to do so.
 - Volunteers and guests will be able to gather around the table once again and deepen relationships and connections both during the day and at night.
- ***Restoration***
 - Our new status as a partner organization in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) has given us new connections and opportunities to get our shelter guests into the cue for permanent housing.
 - Each of our sites will give our volunteers an opportunity during the daytime hours to walk alongside our guests, to be encouragers and provide necessary support as they take these important steps.

"For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?"

What gift will you give today to help us double down and meet, or even exceed, our \$50,000 goal?

You are invited to go to our website at <https://www.swshelternetwork.com/events/> and join right now with your best gift!

I challenge you, in addition, to consider becoming a Peer to Peer fundraiser and help us exceed our goal.

God is faithful exceedingly and abundantly for His children, this we know and proclaim!