

# COLD NIGHTS, WARM HEARTS

## 2024/2025 SEASON

We opened for our seventh season on November 15, operating daily from 7 PM to 7 AM. Our station has bunk bed capacity for up to 64 adults along with additional cot capacity as needed. It is the only program in Allentown serving free meals to adults seven-days-a-week, and the only program in the city to serve free meals on Sunday. Our team coordinates with local partners to extend hours during extreme weather, and has done so four times this season. We maintain partnership offerings with Valley Health Partners' Street Medicine Program, Treatment Trends and Valley Youth House to offer our guests access to quality health and mental health care.

This season, we served 323 unique individuals and filled 8,089 beds from November 15, 2024 through April 15, 2025.

### **Warming Station Supper Meals Program**

Thanks to funding from various community partners, we were able to continue our Supper Meals Program. We served meals seven-nights-a-week, with one night a week generously provided from an individual donor, serving over 6,620 meals throughout the Season.

We would like to thank our foundational community partners for their support of the Warming Station

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AYNIL Charitable Fund

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Chipotle Mexican Grill

City of Allentown

County of Lehigh

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**PPL Services Corporation Foundation** 

St. Ann's Church

Sylvia Perkin Perpetual Charitable Trust

Union Evangelical Lutheran Church

We would also like to thank our individual and In-kind contributors, for their generous support, including over \$14,000 of In-kind donations.

8,089



**+** 250,000+

TOTAL RAISED FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS FROM JUL 2024-MAR 2025 **45 Community Donors**30 Individuals

30 Individuals 15 Organizations











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The Warming Station opened for our seventh season on November 15 and our program has experienced our highest nightly averages this season over any previous season. As we have done since opening, we strive to meet the needs of our unhoused neighbors by increasing access to care and resources, improving health among this targeted population including:

- Offering weekly health & wellness checks, hearing and vision screening for our guests in partnership with Valley Health Partners, a Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike (FQHC-LA), Street Medicine Program.
- Training our staff to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose, including the use of Narcan.
- Offering Station guests weekly peer counseling and resources for homelessness, drug and alcohol addiction in collaboration with Treatment Trends Inc. and Valley Youth House.
- Equipping staff with resources and training on trauma-informed practices to maintain their well-being while supporting others through daily struggles. Training was provided by the United Way.
- Rigorous cleaning and sanitation schedule to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.

We remained a community convener to provide 24/7 resources during inclement weather and large snowstorms. This included partnerships with Ripple Community Center and others, who made sure our guests' safety was maintained during this time.

#### WARMING STATION OCCUPANCY

MONTH	NUMBER OF BEDS PROVIDED	HIGHEST GUEST OCCUPANCY IN A SINGLE EVENING
November	620	84
December	1447	54
January	1873	70
February	1920	51
March	2229	64
April	1064	23





Our Warming Station guest, Bill, expresses his gratitude for the Warming Station. Following some health issues, the Y served as a safe, warm place for him to regain his strength during the cold winter months. He comments, "I always wait until the day I hear they're opening up because I know I'm going to be safe. These guys always help me out, the YMCA, giving me that support along with everybody else. And that's why I am where I am today."

Scan the QR to watch his video.