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New Campbell County Emergency Shelter Opens Today Due to Winter Storm

County, City of Newport, and Non-Profits Partner to Provide Emergency Shelter to Adults in Need

Campbell County, Kentucky (January 5, 2024) – Starting today, adults needing emergency shelter during the ongoing winter storm will have a safe place to stay in Campbell County.

Campbell County, the City of Newport, the Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky (ESNKY), St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and Holy Spirit Catholic Parish have joined forces to operate a cold emergency shelter in Newport. The shelter is located at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 7 Court St, Newport.

The shelter will open today at 3 p.m., staying open until 7 a.m. Monday morning. It will reopen Monday night, January 6, at 7 p.m. and close Tuesday morning, January 7, at 10 a.m. Shelter capacity is limited to 40 adults and guests are encouraged to call ahead (859) 979-0026 after 3 p.m. to check availability. Guests will also have the option to use the ESNKY facility in Covington for showers and laundry during the day.

"We are committed to ensuring that no one in our community faces the life-threatening challenges of winter without a safe place to turn," said Campbell County Judge/Executive Steve Pendery. "This partnership demonstrates how we can come together to provide critical support and compassion for those in need during the coldest months."

Trained ESNKY staff and volunteers from partnering organizations will operate the temporary shelter.

"The number of people in crisis because they don't have a place to sleep at night is growing," said ESNKY Executive Director Kim M. Webb. "We are pleased to be a part of providing a place that could literally mean the difference between life and death to the most vulnerable in our community. We are honored Campbell County asked us to partner again with them and coordinate this effort."

"In times of great need, the City of Newport stands firm in our commitment to supporting those who provide life-saving services to our community. This shelter is a testament to the strength of collaboration and compassion, ensuring no one is left without refuge during the harshest conditions," said Newport Mayor Tom Guidugli, Jr.

ESNKY is collecting monetary donations to support the shelter. Donate here: <u>Campbell County Donation Link</u> material donations for the shelter such as winter coats, hats, gloves, disposable paper plates/cups/napkins, coffee, sugar, dry creamer, toiletries (travel size a plus) and other needed items. To see a list of needed items, go to <u>emergency shelter wish list</u>.

For shelter service information, please call (859) 979-0026. For volunteer or donation opportunities, contact (859) 291-4555.

About Campbell County Fiscal Court: Campbell County serves Kentucky's eighth-largest county, led by Judge/Executive Steve Pendery since 1998. With a \$68 million budget and a dedicated staff, the Fiscal Court focuses on providing high-quality services and infrastructure to residents and businesses.

About the City of Newport: Founded in 1795, the City of Newport, Kentucky, is a diverse, thriving community where historic charm meets economic vitality, serving residents through responsive local government and exceptional services.

About the Emergency Shelter of Northern KY

Emergency Shelter of Northern KY (ESNKY) is a community service committed to offering essential shelter and other essential services to adults in need. Their mission centers on providing life-saving support, while our vision recognizes that shelter is a fundamental necessity for human beings on their journey to recovery from homelessness.

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