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WARMING CENTERS ACTIVATED

Due to the extreme weather conditions, the City of Spokane has activated its Homeless Warming Center program. Homeless warming centers are locations that can be used for the purpose of sheltering the homeless from the elements for brief intervals during extreme cold weather. These sites, which are not set up for lodging, are activated by the City only when temperatures are forecasted by the National Weather Service to drop to 15 degrees or lower and homeless shelters serving the target population were at capacity the previous 24 hours.

The following Warming Centers will be open starting at 8:00 p.m. today, **November 18, 2011** and will remain open until 7:00 a.m. **November 19, 2011.**

**House of Charity, 32 W. Pacific Ave.
Single Men over the Age of 18**

**The Salvation Army, 222 E. Indiana Ave.
Families with Children and Couples**

As of last evening Hope House (women) and Crosswalk (youth) had shelter beds available.

For more information on homeless services please contact a member of the Homeless Coalition Leadership team.

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