



The Community Partnership  
For The Prevention  
of Homelessness

## ***An Appeal to Faith-Based Congregations Can Your Organization Help Save Lives This Winter?***

With the upcoming winter season, the District of Columbia Government is committed to protecting individuals who are homeless from cold weather injury by providing sufficient places for shelter during hypothermia season.

In the winter of 2009-2010, more than 2,000 shelter spaces throughout the District were available on cold nights to people in need of a place to stay. The District government, social service provider agencies, and faith-based congregations worked together to make those spaces available

For the coming winter, we are again seeking faith-based congregations that are interested in partnering on this life-saving effort by providing space. Specifically, we are seeking congregations that have space available to accommodate up to 25 men or women on hypothermic nights between November 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011.

The site would open only on nights when the actual or forecasted temperature falls below 32 degrees F. or the wind chill factor creates the effect of 32 degrees F. or below, as determined in advance by the District's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA). On these alert nights, the site would be required to open at 7:00 PM and remain open until 7:00 AM the following morning.

The sites will be staffed by a social services agency contracted by the District government, and the congregation will receive a monthly payment from the District as compensation for the use of the space.

If your congregation is able to help in this life-saving effort during the coming winter, please contact Cornell Chappelle at the Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness at 202.543.5298 or [cchappelle@community-partnership.org](mailto:cchappelle@community-partnership.org)

