

## Winter Shelters

Editor — It's a simple statement, but a true one: "With faith all things are possible." It's also true that many homeless San Franciscans hunger for simple things. A hot meal. A bed with clean sheets. A shower. A toilet. Clean clothes. A place to keep what little they have left. People who care.

This is what thousands of homeless San Franciscans have found the past 11 years through the united efforts of the Interfaith Winter Shelter Program of the San Francisco Interfaith Council. Every year, from mid-November through mid-March, more than 100 additional shelter

beds are available in San Francisco through a multid denominational outreach effort by Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, and Hindus. While administered by the staff of Episcopal Community Services (ECS) it's the more than 40 houses of worship who put their faith into action by providing meals, volunteers, supplies, money and support.

Six churches in particular have been faithful in opening their doors for the Interfaith Winter Shelters: St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Trinity Episcopal, First Unitarian, St. Mark's Lutheran, St. Paulus Lutheran, and St. Boniface Catholic Church. In these cold, rainy months we also salute this year's shelter and outreach by Third Baptist, Bethel AME and Providence Baptist. On behalf of the more than 6,000 homeless women and men served year-round by ECS, thank you, faith community! Thank you, faithful San Franciscans!

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