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Community Organizations in Volusia County to Maintain Cold-Weather Sheltering Through Tuesday Evening

VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA – With cold nighttime temperatures continuing across the area, previously announced cold-weather sheltering continues tonight, Monday, Feb. 2, and community organizations in Volusia County will also provide sheltering on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 3, for individuals without adequate heating or shelter.

On the west side of the county, The Bridge, operated by the Neighborhood Center at 421 S. Palmetto Ave. in DeLand, will offer overnight cold-weather sheltering. Guests may arrive beginning at 6:30 p.m. and may remain until approximately 8 a.m. the following morning, with breakfast provided before closing. For information about services at The Bridge, residents may contact the Neighborhood Center at 386-734-8120, ext. 601.

On the east side of the county, cold-weather sheltering will be coordinated by Halifax Urban Ministries (HUM) in partnership with local churches and nonprofit organizations. While HUM does not operate its own cold-weather shelter, it works with community partners to help connect individuals with safe, warm overnight accommodations. Individuals in need of shelter or transportation assistance are encouraged to contact HUM at 386-317-5886 as early as possible. When available, transportation may be arranged through VoTran in coordination with community partners.

In addition to overnight sheltering provided by community organizations, Volusia County is opening several regional library branches early, beginning at 8 a.m., to provide residents with a warm, indoor public space during cold-weather mornings through Tuesday, Feb. 3. Early openings are taking place at the DeLand Regional Library, Daytona Beach Regional Library, and New Smyrna Beach Regional Library. Residents do not need to be Volusia County Library cardholders to enter, and the libraries are not operating as shelters but are available as warm, indoor public spaces during the morning hours.

Volusia County continues to monitor weather conditions and remains in regular communication with community partners to help share information regarding cold-weather sheltering. When requested, the County also assists shelter providers by supplying water, food, bedding, and other essential items.

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