

Homeward Trust Announces Winter Emergency Response Plans for Edmonton's Homeless

November 12, 2015 (Edmonton) – As winter approaches, Edmonton is prepared to provide additional support for people experiencing homelessness or who are at risk. Coordinated and funded by Homeward Trust, the annual Winter Emergency Response (WER) program runs from November 1 through April 30, enabling several drop-in centres across the city to extend their hours of service.

“Extreme weather puts homeless and vulnerable people at further risk than usual,” says Susan McGee, CEO of Homeward Trust Edmonton. “We have housed over 5,000 people since the Housing First program started in 2009, but many more people need help. We need to ensure that we continue to work with our partners, the shelters, and drop-in centres around the city to protect the homeless.”

The Winter Emergency Response Resource Guide provides details on the WER drop-in centres, which this year include:

- Boyle Street Community Services (downtown)
- Jasper Place Wellness Centre (west)
- The Neighbour Centre (south)
- Mosaic Centre (north)

Also returning this year will be the WER Winter Warming Bus, operated by Boyle Street Community Services.

The Guide also includes a directory of available food services, shelters, and other resources for homeless people who require additional support as the temperature drops.

The 2015/2016 Winter Emergency Response Guide is available in full at <http://www.homewardtrust.ca/homelessness/resources.php>

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