

# ALAMEDA WARMING SHELTER

a project of *Building Futures, the City of Alameda, & Christ Episcopal Church*

## What is the Alameda Warming Shelter?

The Alameda Warming Shelter is designed to be a warm, safe, and respectful place for homeless persons to get out of the cold and rainy weather. The shelter will be open on nights when the weather is forecast to be 40 degrees or colder or rain is predicted. Guests will be provided with dinner, a place to sleep, and breakfast. The shelter will be hosted at Christ Episcopal Church, and will be open the first week of December to the first week in April.

The shelter is operated by Building Futures, funded by Alameda County, hosted at Christ Episcopal Church. These services are supported by the City of Alameda, County Supervisor Wilma Chan's office and Alameda's caring faith communities, individuals and businesses.



## We need your help!

The Alameda Warming Shelter depends upon the caring involvement of community members. Specifically, we are in need of dinner cook groups to "adopt" one night of the week between early December 2018 through April 2019. Shorter commitments are also available.

The warming shelter will be open when the weather is predicted to go under 40 degrees or a 50% chance of rain is predicted. Groups will be notified on Mondays what days the shelter will be open that week.

Dinners prepared at volunteer's own kitchen should serve an estimated 15-20 people. Dinners include an entrée, a salad, vegetable side dish, a starch like rice, bread or potatoes and dessert. Examples of easy one-dish meals include soup, stew, chili, pasta, or lasagna. Volunteers are invited to stay and serve the guests.

**Please contact Dinner Cook Coordinator, Alisa Rasera at 510-381-5483 or [frolikdance@gmail.com](mailto:frolikdance@gmail.com) for questions, sign up your group or join a group!**



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**Gather**

Inclusive community. All are welcome. Come as you are.

**Transform**

Share your story. Practice your passion. Nourish your spirit.

**Engage**

Love your neighbor. Feed those who hunger. Advocate for justice.

# Warming Shelter Wish List

You can help your unsheltered neighbors by donating items needed to open and operate the shelter. For information or questions about donating items, contact Liz Varela at [lvarela@bfwc.org](mailto:lvarela@bfwc.org). To sign up to donate, please go to <http://christchurchalameda.org/seasonal-warming-center/>.

- Sweatpants
- Shaving Cream (travel size)
- Toilet Paper
- Sweatshirts
- 30 Yoga Mats (1 inch thick)
- Toilet Seat Covers
- T-Shirts
- TV
- Food Serving Gloves
- Underwear (men & women)
- TV rolling cart
- Lysol Wipes
- Socks
- DVD player
- Paper Towels
- Jackets (new or gently used)
- DVDs
- Coffee
- Toothbrushes
- Hefty Strong Large Trash Bags (Drawstring, 30 Gallon)
- Sugar
- Toothpaste (travel size)
- Plastic Forks, Spoons, Knives
- Creamer
- Soap (travel size)
- Paper Plates
- Body Wipes (travel size)
- Plastic Cold Cups
- Hair Brushes
- Paper Hot Cups
- Combs
- Paper Bowls
- Razors (Disposable Plastic)



## Accessing the Warming Shelter

The Warming Shelter is not a drop-in shelter. Building Futures' street outreach team is available to complete intakes with guests. Intakes for people with a connection to Alameda are available at **Alameda Laundry Program and by appointment..** Please call 510-201-0203 to make an appointment. Assistance with finding housing and other vital services will be available .

**Alameda Warming Shelter Hotline 510-201-0204**

This is the number to call to find out when shelter open