

## Project Description

There is a significant shortage of homeless shelter space in Washoe County during the winter months. Consequently many homeless people are spending cold winter nights outside. The City of Reno is partnering with ACTIONN and local religious groups to open and staff an additional emergency overflow shelter to address this urgent need. Various faith communities have agreed to provide three or more volunteers to staff this shelter from 8pm to 6am on nights throughout the winter months. The commitment will cover selected nights in December, January, February, and March. Here are additional details for those interested in volunteering:

- Training for volunteers will be provided at The First Congregational Church, [627 Sunnyside Dr, Reno] on Monday November 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8pm. The training will include a brief tour of an overflow shelter. We ask that faith communities and community organizations interested in volunteer staffing the emergency shelter send at least one representative to one of these trainings.
- The shelter will house homeless individuals who arrive at the overflow shelter at 9pm and depart at 6am. No food will be provided. No children or pets will be housed.
- The City of Reno will provide water and mats for sleeping. The shelter will have restroom facilities.
- Up to 70 homeless men and women may be housed at the overflow shelter each night.
- Faith communities or community organization interested in providing volunteers should contact the Administrative Coordinators for the emergency overflow shelter, whose information is provided below. Individuals should contact the point of contact for their faith community or community organization, as listed below.

Overall Coordination of this effort is being provided by Teresa and Dan Jacobsen [The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 775-848-5859] and Amy Allen [Lutheran Church of Good Shepherd, 775-750-6832]