

Advocacy Update 02.18.2021



This update is being sent to just the NTFB team, not external advocates, but feel free to share the information

Good morning NTFB.

As temps begin to rise today, frozen pipes will thaw and if there are any cracks in the lines, flooding is possible. Please make sure you know where your water main shut-off is and how to shut off the water if you need to, [videos can be found here](#) and you'll need some tools. Personally, I've already had to go do this for an elderly neighbor.

With many cities entering a Boil Water notice and trying to repair damage caused by the storm, we are delaying active advocacy for some of our policy priorities this week and into next to allow our elected officials head space. We will also use this opportunity to demonstrate that even in crisis, SNAP works, and nutritious food access is essential to a community.

I want to thank our partners, United Way Metro Dallas, who put together a comprehensive list of organizations who are asking for help or need help, so we can help advocate for them.

In this spirit of community and collaboration, I hope that this list can help answer the "what can we do to help" that many of us are receiving from donors, relatives, or constituents, until NTFB can conduct its own needs assessment.

Vickery Meadow – Warming station now open at Literacy Achieves

-6329 Ridgecrest Rd, Dallas, TX 75231

-Contact: Martha Stowe (214-577-1782) or Alexendra Horn at Temple Emanu-El

-Monetary donations to purchase food, blankets, water and supplies can be made here:

<https://vmlc.ejoinme.org/.../tabid/869107/Default.aspx...>

[Sarah Papert](#) [VMLC is now Literacy Achieves](#) [Martha Stowe](#)

Vickery Meadow - Warming Center opening at Conrad. They need volunteers. Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084ca5a722a3f49-support>

Buckner Children and Family Center at Bachman Lake – Warming station now open

-3100 Lombardy Ln, Dallas, TX 75220

-Contact: Olga Hickman

-Monetary donations to purchase food, blankets, water and supplies can be made here:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?cmd=_s-xclick...

[Olga Hickman](#)

Jubilee Park and Community Center

-907 Bank St, Dallas, TX 75223 (The Old Church)

-Contact: Marissa Castro-Mikoy (214-455-4679)

-Looking for blankets, non-perishable items and money to purchase items for neighbors.

-Monetary donations to purchase food, blankets, water and supplies can be made here:

<https://app.etapestry.com/.../JubileeParkC.../ecommerce.html>

[Jubilee Park & Community Center](#)

United to Learn

United to Learn is collecting donations to help purchase food, blankets, coats, etc. for Dallas ISD students and families impacted by the recent snowstorm. You can support their efforts by donating here: <https://www.unitedtolearn.org/donate/>

[United to Learn](#)

Austin Street Center

Clients are in need of warm clothing. Austin Street is requesting donations of sweatpants, hoodies and long sleeve shirts for men and women, sizes L-4X. Our clients also need thick gloves, boots (all sizes), and coats (sizes 3XL and up).

Donations can be dropped off Sun-Sat, 9-5 pm at 2929 Hickory Street.

Staff are also working with those at the Convention Center Warming Center.

You can support their efforts by donating here: <https://www.austinstreet.org/give/>

[Austin Street Center](#) [Daniel Roby](#)

Our Calling

Volunteers are needed at the Convention Center warming station - sign up here:

<https://ourcalling.vomo.org/project/emergency-shelter-oc...>

They do not need any more blankets/clothes/pillows/etc. Please sign up to volunteer and give online to support their efforts here: <https://bit.ly/oc-cold>

**OurCalling also had a pipe burst in their building and flooding causing damage.

[OurCalling](#) [Wayne Walker](#)

The Family Place

Yesterday a pipe at their emergency shelter burst and they have had to move 52 women and 71 children from our shelter to a new, offsite location. To support these housing efforts and repairs,

donate here: <https://www.familyplace.org/donation/donate>

[The Family Place](#) [Paige Harris Flink](#)

The Salvation Army North Texas

To any and all who need a warm place to stay: There are severe, winter weather shelters open across North Texas. Each shelter is following COVID protocols, as mandated by the respective city and the county. Learn more and find the nearest shelter at: <https://salvationarmytx.org/.../inclement-weather-shelters>

To support these efforts, donate here: <https://salvationarmytx.org/>

[The Salvation Army of North Texas](#)

The Bridge Homeless Resource Center

Has a list of winter weather needs for their clients updated on their amazon wish list that you can purchase and have shipped straight to the Center. Go to the link to support:

<https://www.amazon.com/.../genericItemsPage/1UO1X76HLB8Y4...>

[The Bridge Homeless Recovery Center](#)

The Human Impact

Sign up to make and deliver meals to our neighbors experiencing homelessness that are in hotels at the moment. <https://docs.google.com/.../1ovRqyeJrxteKnDJezDx.../htmlview>

[The Human Impact](#)

Genesis Women's Shelter

The shelter had to be completely shut down due to an extended total power outage. Additionally, the pipes burst in the transitional housing unit Annie's House, flooding apartments, offices and the on-site school. Because of this, all residents on the safe campus have been temporarily relocated to alternative safe locations. They are in need of blankets, warm clothing items, flashlights, batteries and meals.

They're also hoping to raise enough funds to purchase two commercial automatic generators to prevent this from happening again in the future. Donate by visiting www.genesisshelter.org/donate

[Genesis Women's Shelter & Support Jan Langbein](#)

Our Friends Place

Pipes burst. Donate to support here: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?cmd=_s-xclick...

[Our Friends' Place](#)

Mobile Warming Stations - the City of Dallas is deploying assistance to the hardest hit parts of the city that have neighborhoods with no power for over 24 hours or more as mobile warming stations. If there is a critical need in your area, please let them know as they work on deploying this scarce resource as mobile warming stations. Residents can call 214-316-9480 or email CouncilOffice@dallasacityhall.com to receive services. Spanish bilingual staff are monitoring calls and email requests.

Other Warming Centers:

Dallas Convention Center

Addison Athletic Club

Buckner International

Zaragoza Rec Center

Davis Rec Center

DeSoto Rec Center

Farmers Branch Rec Center

Newman Smith High School

Coppell Rec Center- The CORE

Moorland Family YMCA

Park South YMCA

Waxahachie YMCA

White Rock Family YMCA

Chilton YMCA at Rockwall

Richardson YMCA

Cross Timber's YMCA

Semones YMCA

For Oak Cliff at 907 E Ledbetter Drive

Transportation is being provided by Our calling, Salvation Army, and The Bridge. Call for more info.

Thinking of each one of you and your current situations.

If you or your family are in need of shelter or other basic needs, **please** reach out to me.

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