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**UCAN to Operate the Roseburg Warming Center for Third Year
in Partnership with St. Joseph's Church, HADCO & the City of Roseburg**

Roseburg, Ore. — As temperatures drop, United Community Action Network (UCAN) staff are preparing to operate the Roseburg Warming Center again this winter for the third consecutive year, providing a warm, safe place for community members in need.

This life-saving service is made possible through the generosity and collaboration of local partners, including St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the Housing Authority of Douglas County (HADCO), and the City of Roseburg, whose support and coordination help ensure the Warming Center can operate each winter.

The primary location of the Roseburg Warming Center will be St. Joseph's School Gymnasium, located at 630 W. Stanton Avenue in Roseburg. If St. Joseph's has a prearranged event or activity on a night requiring activation, the backup location will be HADCO's James D. Myer Activity Center, located at 900 W. Stanton Avenue.

The Warming Center will operate on limited days, opening only when the forecasted low temperature is 30°F or colder, or when the weather is inclement and nighttime lows are 32°F or colder. On activation nights, the Warming Center will open its doors for check-in at 5:30 p.m. and close the following morning at 8:00 a.m.

"The Roseburg Warming Center is a testament to what we can achieve when our community works together," says Jordan Jungwirth, UCAN CEO. "We rely on compassionate volunteers, dedicated staff, and the generosity of partners like St. Joseph Church and HADCO to open their doors at times it matters most."

Last winter UCAN opened the Roseburg Warming Center for 18 nights throughout December, January, and February. During that time more than 100 people utilized the warming center where they were served a hot meal and given a safe place to rest. For those that didn't want to stay overnight, they were still able to eat a hot meal, get warm, and engage with other members of the community before leaving. In total last winter, the Roseburg Warming Center provided 408 shelter bed nights during extreme temperatures.

Although the warming center is open to all community members as a resource and reprieve from the cold, people living on the streets have a much higher risk than the general population of developing fatal cases of hypothermia or frostbite. Each year, approximately 700 people experiencing homelessness are killed from hypothermia in the United States. Cold exposure is a significant and preventable cause of death for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. If you would like to donate socks, hand warmers, or other survival supplies to the Warming Center please drop off at the UCAN office located at 251 NE Garden Valley Blvd Ste 111.

UCAN is hosting volunteer orientations and training throughout November for those interested in joining us in this important work. Volunteers are critical for our ability to open the warming center. Without enough volunteers, we can't open the doors. As a volunteer, you can help offer meals, support check-in procedures, provide company to those seeking shelter, or perform other essential tasks.

"Volunteers are the heart of the warming center," says Michelle Fiorese, UCAN Homeless Outreach Coordinator and Warming Center Volunteer Coordinator. "Volunteers are an integral part in making the warming center a success. Their service is crucial and without their service many unhoused residents of Douglas County would not be able to seek safe shelter during freezing and inclement weather conditions."

UCAN is actively seeking volunteers at this time and will offer volunteers an orientation on November 5, 2025 at 10 am and again on November 6th, 12th, 17th, and 20th at 5:30 pm. Orientations are held at UCAN's Garden Valley Service Center and will last for about 1 and half hours. To sign up for volunteer orientation please go to <https://housinghomelesservices.as.me/volunteerorientation>.

About UCAN

UCAN is the local community action and a non-profit agency serving Douglas and Josephine County and is dedicated to enhancing prosperity and well-being throughout our communities. Our programs and services address critical issues such as housing and homelessness, food security, energy efficiency, child development, family well-being, and health. Our mission is simple yet profound: "Creating solutions to poverty, improving lives in our community." At UCAN, we envision a future where every resident we serve has access to the resources and opportunities necessary to realize their full social, civic, and economic potential. Our goal is to empower individuals to secure their lives and actively participate in building stronger communities. Learn more at www.ucanap.org

