



SEVERE WEATHER NETWORK LIVINGSTON COUNTY
HOMELESS SHELTER

Changing Lives One Night at a Time

On any given day, local human services agencies receive 7-10 calls from homeless men, women and youth within Livingston County desperately seeking a safe refuge for the night. Livingston County has no permanent year-round designated emergency housing shelter for adult men and women.

The Severe Weather Network (SWN), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization (**FEIN 83-1248466**), for the past five years, has provided 5,032 nights of shelter to Livingston County's homeless men and women during the cold, winter months from December through April. Operating from leased building site during the months of December through mid-April, the Severe Weather Center provides a warm and nurturing environment where guests feel welcome and are treated with the utmost of dignity and respect. Complimentary transportation is provided to all guests through Severe Weather Network contracted vendors. Guests are served a hot dinner, a continental breakfast, have access to on site showering facilities and off site laundry facilities. In addition to providing refuge, we work collaboratively with local non-profit agencies connecting each guest to those agencies that are best equipped to assist and support them in their transition to affordable housing. In many cases, the Severe Weather Network supports guests financially that are transitioning into employment and permanent housing through the payment of security deposits, gas cards, a career wardrobe etc.

The Severe Weather Network operates solely on donations and grants. Transportation and lease payments are two of our greatest expenditures totaling over \$50,000 per season. The Severe Weather Center operates under a Program Director and 450 trained community volunteers from local churches and businesses. The future goal of the Severe Weather Network Board of Directors is to obtain a permanent location we can call home allowing us the opportunity to provide shelter to homeless men and women on a year round basis.

The Severe Weather Network will be hosting the Second Annual Trivia Night and Silent Auction Fundraiser on November 6, 2021. Currently we are seeking silent auction items and/or business/community sponsorships for this year's event. If you would like to support our efforts, please contact us via email at livingstonswn@gmail.com or by calling 810-534-7625.

Your support is crucial to our efforts to provide a safe refuge for our homeless adult men and women this upcoming winter season. If you are unable to support the Severe Weather Network financially, would you consider becoming a volunteer? Is your church or organization interested in giving back to the community? Volunteerism is an excellent team building experience, increasing self-esteem, productivity and moral. Volunteer recruitment is underway for our upcoming season. For information on volunteer opportunities, please visit our website at www.livingstonswn.org. Thank you!