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## United Caring Services Improves White Flag Program

Evansville, IN, November 10, 2021 - United Caring Services (UCS) will offer its White Flag program every night during the upcoming months of December, January, and February.

In addition to its regular day and night shelter services, UCS provides a low barrier White Flag program. White Flag is a seasonal program providing additional emergency shelter for men, women, and children during cold weather. The program at UCS has served the community since 2009 through a partnership with the Pigeon Township Trustee's Office who helps underwrite the program. White Flag typically occurs when temperatures are going to be below 32 degrees for at least 3 consecutive hours overnight prior to the Day Shelter's regular opening. UCS operates White Flag approximately 50-55 nights every year serving an average of 38 people a night.

The pandemic changed and challenged the White Flag program in many ways last year. Out of that experience, the idea to offer White Flag more consistently during the coldest three months of the year emerged. Thanks to an expanded partnership with Aurora, UCS will increase the coverage of White Flag this winter season and double how many nights of additional shelter are available for people experiencing homelessness. Due to social distancing measures, the program's capacity is 45 people.

The White Flag season has already started in Evansville, IN. Last week, UCS operated the program for three nights as temperatures dipped below freezing serving 21 people each night.

UCS would like to thank Aurora and *"The Homeless Experience Project: 48 Hours in the Life"* presented by Moore Music and Pigeon Township who are helping to financially make this improved White Flag program possible this year. We thank our donors, supporters, volunteers, and staff who make our *Community of Caring* possible for everyone.

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United Caring Services' mission is to provide values-based, low barrier, sustainable, and high-quality homeless shelters, services, and solutions. Learn more at [unitedcaringservices.org](http://unitedcaringservices.org)