

Hello everyone,

You are invited to help the homeless here in Livermore by participating as a volunteer in our “Warming Center” effort taking place at Asbury and two other churches over the next 11 weeks. The ‘Warming Center’s will be located at Vineyard Church on North L, Asbury UMC and Discovery Nazarene Church over on Las Positas off Vasco, NOT all on the same evenings but in rotating two week shifts!

Each night there is rain and/or the temperature drops to 40 degrees or lower the “Warming Center” for that night will be open from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. the following morning.

This Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at Vineyard Church, 460 North Livermore Avenue, there will be a gathering of volunteers, with information provided and signup opportunities for the Hospitality Team (coordinated by Pastor Chuck) and the Safety/Security Team coordinated by a couple from Discovery Church.

Hospitality Teams open up, receive, serve guests in the evening and in the morning, wake up, serve and cleanup after the guests leave. Time commitments are 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the evening and 5:30 – 8:00 a.m. in the morning. Volunteers are needed to serve on a consistent basis: for example, if a person can do Monday evenings on a weekly basis he or she would fill that slot. Each week, when the Monday rolls around a call will be made to Hospitality Team volunteers to let them know they are needed. No need, no call.

It is possible that depending on the weather someone may serve at various locations over each week of the program or never.

Hospitality Teams are made up of two people – preferably one man and one woman each evening and morning, but that is flexible, because the Safety/Security Teams will be covering opening and closing and staying awake all evening and overnight, on a shift of 4-7 hours for each Team, will have both a man and a woman beginning at 5:00 p.m. and ending at 7:00 a.m. after the guests depart.

28 volunteer slots are needed to be filled every week for the Hospitality Team and for the Safety/Security Team.

Can you help?

If so, contact Pastor Chuck Johnstone at chuckj@asburylive.org and/or attend this Saturday’s volunteer gathering.

Let’s work together with volunteers from other church communities and share the love and compassion of Jesus Christ for the least among us. This is a great way to build relationships with other congregations’ volunteers, who are very ready and willing to help, many from churches other than the three host churches.

Pastor Chuck