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**Cold Weather Resources Available in Baltimore**

Baltimore, MD (October 24, 2006) – With the weather getting colder this week, emergency shelter is available for individuals without a regular place to stay. As evening temperatures drop, business owners, homeless service providers, faith leaders and the public can direct individuals experiencing homelessness to one of the 18 locations citywide that are part of the Baltimore Homeless Services emergency shelter network.

A directory of shelter providers is available by calling Baltimore Homeless Services at 410-396-3757. Emergency shelters include:

- American Rescue Workers – 11 West Clement Street (21223) – 410-566-3300
- Baltimore Interfaith Hospitality Network – 4215 Loch Raven Boulevard (21215) – 410-889-2000
- Baltimore Rescue Mission – 4 N. Central Avenue (21202) – 410-342-2533
- Brown's Community Outreach – 3215 W. Belvedere Avenue (21215) – 410-542-5700
- Christ Lutheran Place – 701 S. Charles Street (21230) – 410-752-1285
- City Temple Baptist Church - 317 Dolphin Street (21217) – 410-462-4800
- Fellowship of Lights – 1101 St. Paul Street, Suite 111 (21202) – 410-332-4277
- Heart's Place – 2640 St. Paul Street (21218) – 410-235-9269
- Helping Up Mission – 1029 E. Baltimore Street – 410-675-5003
- House of Ruth – 2201 Argonne Drive (21218) – 410-889-7884
- I Can, Inc. – 2215 Greenmount Avenue (21218) – 410-467-0048
- Karis Home – 1228 E. Baltimore Street (21202) – 410-342-2533
- MD Center for Veterans Education and Training – 301 North High Street (21202) – 410-576-9626
- Oasis Drop-in Center – 220 N. Gay Street (21202) – 410-528-1535
- Prisoner's AID – 204 E. 25<sup>th</sup> Street (21218) – 410-662-0353
- Project PLASE – 1814 Maryland Avenue (21201) – 410-837-1400
- Salvation Army/Booth House – 1114 N. Calvert Street (21202) – 410-685-3875
- YWCA – 128 Franklin Street (21201) – 410-685-1460

The Health Department also encourages health care providers with patients in need of energy assistance to make use of the fax referral line, which will activate coordinated outreach and the energy assistance team at the Department of Housing. A fax form is

attached. Individuals unable to meet the demand of home heating costs can directly call the energy assistance team at Baltimore Housing at 410-396-5555.

Beginning November 15, an expanded “Code Blue” program will be implemented. More information on this effort will be available in November.

People in contact with individuals experiencing homelessness should be aware of the signs and symptoms of hypothermia, including (1) altered thinking or consciousness; (2) discoloration of extremities; and (3) significant shivering, or in more severe cases, absence of shivering. Anyone with these signs or symptoms should seek medical attention immediately.

A summary fact sheet of the city's efforts to handle excessive heat conditions this summer is attached.

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