



Plano Overnight Warming Station

2024-2025

A collaborative community response

with

The Salvation Army

East Plano Islamic Center

City of Plano



For more information contact
a Leadership Team member:

Bill Howard / Diana Reynolds
Christ United Methodist Church
Howard.Bill@icloud.com 214-709-3301
Diana@pcawebdesign.com 214-454-5491

Jay Breeding
First Baptist Church
JeBreeding@hotmail.com 469-463-9180

Lanie Williams
Custer Road United Methodist Church
Laniew1983@gmail.com 972-342-6574

Denny Beran / Mike Lieser
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
Dberan7@gmail.com 469-995-5794
MLLieser@yahoo.com 469-693-6058

Debbie Benko
St. Jude Catholic Church
Dbenko@sbcglobal.net 214-801-0960

Keith Dold
St. Mark Catholic Church
KrDoldtx@gmail.com 214-551-5142

Lt. Marcos Baca / Lt. Lyla Baca
The Salvation Army 972-423-8254
Marcos.baca@uss.salvationarmy.org
Lyla.baca@uss.salvationarmy.org

Rashid Azmi
East Plano Islamic Center
Rashid.Azmi@epicmasjid.org 515-708-5264

Eileen Odell
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
eodell@swbell.net 972-741-7568

Plano experiences

20-25 nights and

5-10 days each year when
temperatures fall below
freezing.

POWS provides a safe and
secure overnight sleeping
environment to assist those
in greatest need.

If the City of Plano calls a
weather emergency, we will
open during the day as well
as night.

Website: planows.org

Email: pows@planows.org

What is a warming station?

A warming station is an overnight short-term emergency shelter that operates when temperatures or a combination of precipitation, wind and temperature become dangerously inclement. The main purpose is the prevention of death or injury from exposure to the elements. The Salvation Army of Plano and East Plano Islamic Center (EPIC) serve as warming stations for our unhoused neighbors in Plano, TX. The Plano Overnight Warming Station (POWS) seeks to:

- Provide transportation from Parker Road DART station and the POWS facility
- Serve meals, snacks, and hospitality in a secure environment
- Provide support services to address recurring homelessness issues
- Recruit and train faith communities and other volunteers to staff the POWS facility

How to get involved

Donations

In-kind donations:

POWS is collecting new underwear, new or used jeans, t-shirts, athletic shoes, socks, winter hats, gloves, coats, backpacks, and sleeping bags.

- Donations can be delivered to First Presbyterian Church Plano, 1500 Jupiter Rd, Plano, TX 75074.
- Please do not leave the donations outside the doors.
- Call the office at 972-423-4292, between 9:30-2:30, M-F to ensure someone will be there to open the door for you.
- Ring the doorbell at the main entrance in our north parking lot.
- Mark your donation with “POWS”.
- To make other arrangements please call or text Ted McKown at 469-585-4428.

Financial donations:

Financial support helps us with operating costs and is greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to: EPIC and write “POWS” in the Memo line. Mail to:

Denny Beran
752 Forest Bend Drive
Plano, TX 75025

Ways to volunteer

Clothes closet: Volunteers set up the closet and supervise guests as they pick out clothes on event nights.

Transportation: Volunteers transport guests on shuttle buses between Parker Road DART station and the warming station.

Hospitality: Volunteers serve in various capacities. They register guests as they enter the warming station, secure guest belongings, hand out bedding, provide basic medical supplies, serve meals, or stay overnight.

Showers: Volunteers monitor the showers so the guests can enjoy a hot shower.

Weather communications:

Monitor the forecasted weather conditions and post forecasted temperatures on the POWS website. Communicate with all stakeholders to coordinate opening of the warming station when weather conditions criterions are met.

Current POWS participants include:

Arapaho United Methodist Church

Christ United Methodist Church

City of Plano

Custer Road United Methodist Church

East Plano Islamic Center

First Baptist Church of Plano

First Presbyterian Church Plano

First United Methodist Church of Plano

People Who Love People

Plano Fire Department—EMS

Plano Police Department

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

St. Jude Catholic Church

St. Mark Catholic Church

The Salvation Army—Plano

. . . And many individuals who volunteer