



**Looking for Volunteer Opportunities in Central Bucks?
Become a Code Blue Shelter Volunteer this Winter**

**Coalition to Shelter and Support the Homeless
Code Blue Shelter Volunteer Training Opportunities
Join us to help support our neighbors in need!**

We need **YOU** to help shelter adults in Central Bucks without a place to stay on cold nights this winter. **The shelter is open December – March when 28° or colder, and every Wednesday provided full staffing with volunteers.**

Training is required to become a volunteer, CSSH offers two training options: In-person, or On-Line.

In- Person Training:

In-person volunteer training lasts approximately 2 hours and will be held on the following dates:

<p>Sunday, November 3rd at 1:30 pm St. Paul’s Lutheran Church/ Parish Hall 301 N. Main St. Doylestown, PA 18901</p>	<p>Thursday, November 14th at 7 pm Doylestown Borough Hall/Public Mtg. Room 10 Doyle Street Doylestown, PA 18901</p>
<p>Saturday, November 23rd at 9:30 am Our Lady of Guadalupe/Parish Life Center 5194 Cold Spring Creamery Road Doylestown, PA 18902</p>	<p>Wednesday, January 22nd , 2025 at 6:30 pm St. Cyril’s of Jerusalem Church/Social Hall 1410 Almshouse Road Jamison, PA 18929</p>

To sign up for an in-person training session, visit CSSH’s website: centralbuckscodeblue.org (co2ssh.org) select the “New Volunteer Training” tab.

If you have an interest in being a driver or van attendant, in-person Van Driver/Attendant training will be offered directly following each of the In-person trainings listed above. Van Driver/Attendant training is also offered on-line at co2ssh.org click on “New Volunteer Training.”

On-Line Training:

On-line training is also offered and is available on the CSSH website. Visit centralbuckscodeblue.org click on “New Volunteer Training.”(www.co2ssh.org/new-volunteer-training).

To contact our training team, call 866-390-0291 ext. 706 .

MEALS for our CODE BLUE GUESTS - DECEMBER 2024

December is around the corner and we are preparing for hosting our Code Blue guests. Your generosity as a congregation has provided hot and nourishing meals in the past, and the need continues to be great. Please prayerfully consider the information below as you decide how you can help next month. And many thanks in advance - you are a blessing!

Suggestions for meals:

Some suggestions for meals: LASAGNE; MACARONI & CHEESE; HOT DOGS & BEANS; MEAT LOAF, MASHED POTATOES with GRAVY; PORK & SAUERKRAUT; HAM & SCALLOPED POTATOES; PIEROGIES; BAKED ZITI with MEAT BALLS/SAUSAGE; CHICKEN & RICE; or any foods that have protein and are easy to chew. Some of our homeless guests have dental problems and are not able to chew hard or crunchy foods. Also please be moderate with spices and seasonings.

Instructions for providing meals:

As our guests do not sign up ahead of time, we never know how many there will be each evening that we're open. This year, we will be open every evening where the temperature/wind chill is 28 degrees or less. We will also be open every Wednesday, regardless of the weather, and we are always open Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

PLEASE PREPARE CASSEROLE for **12 people** in disposable covered aluminum casserole-sized pan as we begin the month. Historically, the number of guests starts to increase as we go along. We may eventually ask for casseroles to serve 20 people or more, so as the number of our guests increases, we will let you know how many folks we can expect to feed.

Because of covid the past few years, everything has been disposable.

You can drop off the casseroles: 1) "Hot" to the church kitchen at **7 PM**; 2) earlier in the day (attach reheating instructions & call me so I make sure someone is there to receive them); or 3) frozen (again we'll need heating instructions & a phone call so we have enough time to reheat casserole).

You do not need to provide extra vegetables, as these will be on the SignUp Genius for miscellaneous "pantry" items. If you choose to add rolls or a dessert, that would be lovely but not necessary each night.

We will be asking for donations of certain items and will be using a **SignUp Genius** for these items and also one for the actual casseroles. **(See links and QR codes below).**

REMINDER: You will only need to cook for that evening **if a Code Blue is called** (usually wind chill factor of 28 degrees or less or a Wednesday). If there is no Code Blue called, you will receive a call, text or email in the morning (usually before 10 AM) as soon as we are notified. (If you have prepared the meal ahead of time and a Code Blue is not called, you could always freeze it for possible use later in the month.)

Thank you for your willingness to prepare a meal for our homeless guests.

Your kindness is greatly appreciated by all of us!

If you have any questions or are uncomfortable using Sign Up Genius, **please contact** Jan Helsel (H#215-343-3778/C#215-715-5146) (email: jjhelsel@yahoo.com). I will be glad to add you to the SignUp Genius list.

Dinners link - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FABA723A4FA7-52649313-nwpc/90816283#/>



Supplies link - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FABA723A4FA7-52814119-nwpc/90816283#/>

