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St. Mary's County Seeks Volunteer Drivers for WARM Winter Shelter Program

LEONARDTOWN, MD – November 2, 2026 – As colder weather approaches, the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services is seeking volunteer drivers to support Wrapping Arms 'Round Many (WARM), a community program that provides overnight shelter and hot meals to individuals experiencing homelessness during the winter months.

The 2026-2027 WARM season begins Sunday, Nov. 8, 2026, and runs through March 21, 2027. Volunteer drivers play an important role in the program by providing transportation between designated pickup locations and participating churches that serve as overnight shelters.

The Department of Aging & Human Services coordinates transportation for WARM, including recruiting and scheduling volunteer drivers. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and have a valid driver's license. County-owned vans are provided, and volunteer shifts are available seven days a week while the program is operating. Volunteer opportunities include two daily shifts:

- Evening shift: Drivers pick up WARM guests at the Church of the Ascension on Great Mills Road at 5:30 p.m. and transport them to the designated host church.
- Morning shift: Drivers arrive at the host church by 7 a.m. to transport guests back to the Church of the Ascension.

WARM vans are parked at Three Oaks Center on Lei Drive in Lexington Park.

Since its launch in 2009, WARM has grown to include more than 50 participating churches working together to provide food and safe shelter during the coldest months of the year. The program is supported through partnerships among local faith communities, human service agencies, county departments and community volunteers.

Community members interested in volunteering are encouraged to contact Human Services Division Manager Cynthia Brown at 301-475-4200, ext. 1846 or Cynthia.Brown@stmaryscountymd.gov.

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