

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.

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POWS

Plano Overnight Warming Station

A collaborative community response
with

The Salvation Army
East Plano Islamic Center
City of Plano



Website: planows.org

Email: pows@planows.org

How to get involved

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 living in Plano, TX. The Plano Overnight Warming Stations (POWS) seek to:

- Provide transportation between selected pickup locations and the POWS
- 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.

Donations

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

Funding: Financial support helps us with operating costs and is greatly appreciated.

Make checks payable to:
The Salvation Army
In the Memo line write "POWS"

Donations can be delivered to TSA weekdays from 9-3.

The Salvation Army
3528 14th Street
Plano, TX 75074
972-423-8254

Ways to volunteer

Clothes closet: Volunteers organize and supervise guests as they pick out some clean clothes on event nights.

Transportation: Volunteers transport guests on shuttle buses, between pickup points and the warming station.

Hospitality: Volunteers serve in various capacities. They register our guests as they enter the warming station, secure guest belongings, serve meals, or stay overnight.

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

Current POWS participants include:

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

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

. . . And many individuals who volunteer