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**PITTSBURGH MERCY ANNOUNCES EXTENDED HOURS FOR THE WINTER SHELTER
FOR PERSONS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS**

Shelter to open select nights March 16-31, 2019

PITTSBURGH (March 8, 2019) – [Pittsburgh Mercy's Operation Safety Net](#)[®] announces extended hours for the [Winter Shelter](#) on select nights March 16-31, 2019. Located at [Smithfield United Church of Christ](#), 620 Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 (Downtown), the Winter Shelter serves men and women who are at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness. The Shelter, which opened November 15, 2018 and will remain open 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. every night regardless of the temperature through March 15, 2019, will be open select additional nights March 16-31, 2019 when the temperature is at or below 25 degrees Fahrenheit, or when dangerous weather is predicted.

To find out if the shelter will be open, call:

- Men: 412-722-6379
- Women: 412-498-0908.

For more information, call Pittsburgh Mercy's Operation Safety Net at 412-232-5739 or email OperationSafetyNet@pittsburghmercy.org.

To make a donation in support of the Winter Shelter, visit www.pittsburghmercy.org.

About Pittsburgh Mercy's Operation Safety Net[®]

[Pittsburgh Mercy's Operation Safety Net](#)[®] is an award-winning, innovative, medical and social service outreach program for the unsheltered homeless population in Allegheny County.

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It strives to address the circumstances which undermine the behavioral and physical health of persons served by creating avenues for people who are homeless to access the medical and social services that are necessary for them to improve their quality of life. Since its founding in 1992, Operation Safety Net has reached thousands of individuals where they live – in camps along riverbanks, in alleyways, or beneath bridges and highway overpasses. In 2017, we served more than 1,600 persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness. We helped 579 of them to obtain safe housing. In doing so, Operation Safety Net not only assists with providing health care and affordable housing, but also offers this vulnerable population hope, dignity, and a sense of community. Operation Safety Net is part of [Pittsburgh Mercy](#) and [Trinity Health](#), serving in the tradition of the [Sisters of Mercy](#). To learn more, or to make a donation in support of our important work in the community, visit www.pittsburghmercy.org.

About Pittsburgh Mercy

[Pittsburgh Mercy](#), a member of [Trinity Health](#), serving in the tradition of the [Sisters of Mercy](#), is a person-centered, population-based, trauma-informed community health and wellness provider. Pittsburgh Mercy, home to the region’s only Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic, is also one of the largest nonprofit organizations and employers in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Pittsburgh Mercy includes Bethlehem Haven, McAuley Ministries, Pittsburgh Mercy Behavioral Health, Pittsburgh Mercy Community Health, Pittsburgh Mercy Intellectual Disabilities Services, the Pittsburgh Mercy Parish Nurse & Health Ministry Program, Pittsburgh Mercy’s Operation Safety Net®, and Pittsburgh Mercy Family Health Center. Together, these Pittsburgh Mercy programs and their 1,700 employees serve more than 33,000 individuals annually at 60+ locations in Southwestern Pennsylvania. To learn more about [Pittsburgh Mercy](#), or to make a donation in support of its important work in the community, visit www.pittsburghmercy.org.

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