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### Third Community Warming Center Opens Tuesday Afternoon

*The Douglass Community Association Opens as a Warming Shelter*

#### For Immediate Release

**January 29, 2019, Kalamazoo, Michigan** – Kalamazoo County Government and the City of Kalamazoo have worked collaboratively with partners and resources to activate a third warming shelter to accommodate the potential needs of the community. The Douglass Community Association at 1000 W. Patterson Street will be available starting at 4:00 p.m. today (Tuesday, January 29). The warming shelter will be open 24 hours daily for at least Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

In addition to the new warming shelter at The Douglass Community Association, warming shelters remain open at the First Congregational Church and First Baptist Church in downtown Kalamazoo.

Individuals needing assistance during this extreme cold weather event are encouraged seek shelter at one of these three community warming centers or call 2-1-1 for assistance.

Pets needing temporary shelter from the cold can be brought to the Kalamazoo County Animal Services building at 2500 Lake Street where they will be temporarily sheltered for no fee, or arrangements will be made at other shelters if the County's shelter is full.

Community members who wish to volunteer may stop in to any of the three warming shelters to help or contact the Red Cross.

Kalamazoo County and the City of Kalamazoo are continuing to work with the Red Cross, Loaves and Fishes, the Salvation Army, local churches, shelters and volunteers to ensure that everyone is safe during this extreme cold, and that no one has to sleep outside.

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