

Austin's Homeless In Need of New Blankets ARCH Gearing Up For another Cold Winter

Austin, (TX) – As winter temperatures set in, *Front Steps* is preparing to conduct a New Blanket Drive. *Front Steps*, which manages the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless, (ARCH), will be accepting donations of new blankets for distribution to the homeless throughout the month of December.

About the New Blankets Drive

Each night our overnight shelter houses 230 men, and in the winter months many more are in need of a warm place to sleep. This winter, we are collecting as many **new** blankets as we can to distribute to those in need. A new blanket in the hands of a homeless man or woman means that one less person will be exposed to the dangers of low temperatures, both during the day and at night when the temperature drops even lower. Blankets must be new and unused, and can be delivered anytime during the week to the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless between 8am-5pm.

What: New Blanket Drive at the ARCH for homeless men and women

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY: Photos and Interviews available

When: Donations will be accepted all during December, between 8 am and 5pm Monday – Sunday.

Where: The Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH)
500 E. 7th Street, Austin, Texas

Who: Front Steps, the agency that manages the ARCH

Why: An effort to save lives and eliminate cold weather related illness among Austin's homeless by providing warmth during the cold days and nights.

About Front Steps, Inc.:

Front Steps, based on the belief that all people deserve the dignity of a safe place to call home, seeks to end homelessness by providing shelter, affordable housing and community education. While managing the City of Austin's emergency overnight shelter for men and day resource center for the homeless, Front Steps is also developing permanent supportive housing opportunities and places an average of 200 chronically homeless men and women into safe, securing housing each year.

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