

Laundry Love Citrus Heights Supports Citrus Heights' Winter Sanctuary

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Laundry Love Citrus Heights (LLCH) was a major supporter of a Winter Sanctuary week managed by the Citrus Heights Homeless Assistance Resource Team (HART) at Divine Savior Church. The event took place between January 15 and 21, 2023.

LLCH paid over \$300 to wash guests' laundry, some sleeping bags and shower towels. LLCH also paid for over \$750 in new clothing, shoes, and other items to keep our guests warm during the cold and often wet winter days and nights when they are not protected from the elements at a sheltered sanctuary. The new clothing allows guest to change into clean clothes while having their dirty clothes sent to the laundromat to be washed.

Irene Hronicek, Citrus Heights HART president remarked, "Clean laundry is very popular with our sanctuary guests, and clean clothes are so important for their personal health and hygiene."

The laundry teams collect dirty laundry before dinner and arrive at the laundromat by 6:45 pm. If the laundromat isn't busy, the volunteers can wash, dry, fold and return the guests' clean laundry to the church before 8:45 pm. LLCH passes out information to guests on how they can get their laundry washed for free at our monthly second Saturday events. We also explain the option using the Dexter Pay app at our partner laundromat. Our Winter Sanctuary volunteers are also encouraged to help at our second Saturday events and given information on additional opportunities to donate in support of our mission to provide laundry services in the community. Like Irene, our volunteers understand how important clean laundry is for everyone.

This support for our unhoused neighbors is only possible because of the generous donors that support LLCH. If you have supported LLCH in the past, thank you! If you have not yet supported LLCH, please consider a donation of \$10 per month using our PayPal account. Every dollar helps us improve our services to our neighbors and helps our community come together.