



Anaheim Inclement Weather Shelter Network (AIWSN) Executive Summary –3 Activations

JMh / Love Anaheim in partnership with the City of Anaheim is providing an Inclement Weather Shelter Network (AIWSN) in 2024 at the request of the County of Orange. This is an innovative idea using County funds to partner with Cities, non-profits, service providers and churches to care for those experiencing Homelessness. More information is available on City of Anaheim Website.

The City of Anaheim (COA) and JMh / Love Anaheim made it known to churches in Anaheim of the need for shared space to develop the Anaheim Inclement Weather Shelter Network. Three congregations have said yes. JMh / Love Anaheim, with an accelerated timeline, purchased supplies and has readied one church site for activations with another site ready and on standby if the space is needed. Better Way Anaheim (BWA) "Pathway to Work for Homeless" and JMh / Love Anaheim are currently providing the staffing with City Net / CCRT doing the intake, vetting those experiencing Homelessness, and providing transportation. There are also volunteers participating. One of the benefits of utilizing BWA as staff is their lived experience and understanding of homelessness.

The Inclement Weather Shelter Network has been activated 3 times:

Feb 4 - 6 (due to rain)

Sunday, Feb. 4 - 6 guests
Monday, Feb. 5 - 6 guests
Tuesday, Feb 6 - 12 guests

Feb. 10-12 (due to cold below 45 degrees)

Saturday, Feb 10 - 5 guests
Sunday, Feb 11 - 3 guests
Monday, Feb 12 - 5 guests

Feb 19-20 due to rain

Monday, Feb. 5 - 3 guests
Tuesday, Feb 6 - 3 guests

In 3 activations of 8 nights, the AIWSN has served 43 Guests experiencing homelessness.

We are grateful for the collaborative team effort between the COA, City Net / CCRT, JMh / Love Anaheim, BWA, and the participating churches that have allowed us to get the AIWSN up and running with the ability to grow and scale the number of sites according to the need for beds.

