

# PRESS RELEASE

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### **Frigid Temperatures Increase Demand For Winter Survival Supplies: Cochise Harm Reduction Sounds The Call For Winter Donations...And Encourages Community To Echo**

**Bisbee, AZ** — As the temperatures suddenly drop in Arizona, Cochise Harm Reduction (CHR) is faced with urgent requests for supplies to stay warm; a demand that their current stock cannot fulfill. In recent years, thousands of cold related deaths have been recorded in the United States and hundreds more go undiscovered. Cold weather mortality is a very real fear for many of our neighbors. Unhoused CHR participants are especially vulnerable to this threat with little to no shelter and those with pre-existing health conditions are especially at risk.

CHR is holding a Winter Items Drive and encourages communities and organizations like schools, churches, and workplaces to organize as well. If only four Drives across Cochise County were coordinated as a convenient and local hub for community members to bring these items, the need would be met and each hub could all be collected in one go by CHR's Outreach Team. Anyone interested and needing assistance in coordinating such a Drive, please reach out to CHR via the contact information below.

Most needed winter items include: tents, tarps, blankets, sleeping bags (especially winter degree), gloves, hats, beanies, scarves, warm socks (wool and thermal socks preferred), long underwear, coats and sweaters (especially large and mens sizes), propane heaters and cook stoves, sterno cans and propane cans, and non-perishable food items.

Southern Arizona and Cochise County always triumphs when we pull together and make sure none of our neighbors are left behind. With your contribution, we can increase the odds that none of our people to become weather-related fatality statistics due to lack of supplies.

Please call 520-346-1366 or email info@cochiseharmreduction.org to coordinate hand-off of donations or inquire about hosting a Drive in your area. Donation dropoff at our operations office (1556 S. Naco Hwy, Bldg B) during business hours and at Bisbee Community Market table (date TBD!). Registry found at cochiseharmreduction.org/registry-walmart. Monetary donations gratefully accepted by check to PO Box 920, Bisbee AZ, 85603 or electronically via cochiseharmreduction.org/donate.

## About Cochise Harm Reduction

CHR is a peer-led organization rooted in health, dignity, and justice for people impacted by systemic barriers. CHR meets people where they are — and stands with them for the long haul.

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