**Boston Warm- Religious Leaders for Long Island Refugees**

**A CALL TO ACTION**

In this season of giving we hope that you will remember the homeless people of Boston who are suffering as a result of the abrupt closing of the Long Island Bridge.

Religious Leaders for Long Island Refugees have made good progress over the past few weeks to address the urgency of this crisis, including a meeting with key officials within the Mayor’s Office. However, we have identified one of the most critical unmet short term needs is for a day shelter. **The Day Center** will provide a warm and comfortable space for people to gather as an alternative to the streets. We are working quickly to identify a space and staffing. You can follow our progress at either:

<http://www.facebook.com/bostonwarm> or <http://bostonwarm.weebly.com>.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP**

**Donations:**

Financial resources are most critical at this point. Please consider designating your Christmas Offering to this effort. Checks should be addressed to the City Mission Society of Boston, 14 Beacon Street #203 Boston MA 02108 with a note:

for **Boston Warm.**

**Your Time and presence:**

Over the next few weeks we will begin to organize volunteers to help in The Day Center. Are there people in your congregation that might serve as volunteer? You can begin to see if there is interest. If so, please contact City Mission Society.

**Other Needs:**

Back Backs

New winter apparel items including hats, gloves, white socks

Museum and Movie Passes, Sporting Event Tickets

(All items can be dropped off at City Mission Society.)

At the 25th Annual Interfaith Homeless Memorial Service hosted by Church on the Hill on Friday December 19, the names of countless men and women lost this past year, were lifted up and remembered. The service is a reminder that too many of our sisters and brothers paid the price of our nations’ failure to end homelessness.

We are trying to change this narrative through prayer, faith, and action. Please join us in this most important effort. Thank you for stepping up and choosing to make a difference in the lives of people who are truly the less of these.

Blessings,

Religious Leaders for Long Island Refugees