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Sheltering Supports Are Available For Homeless Residents of Bruce County

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As local Coldest Night of the Year events in Kincardine ([United Way Bruce Grey Kincardine Event](#)) and Saugeen Shores ([United Way Bruce Grey Saugeen Shores Event](#)) bring awareness to local charities serving people experiencing hunger and homelessness, it's important to affirm local homelessness response programs and services are available in Bruce County.

One of the programs funded by Bruce County is the YMCA Rural Housing and Homelessness Outreach, which has a priority of

ensuring safety and access to basic needs. Anyone that is homeless, or at risk of homelessness, can contact a YMCA Housing Outreach Worker who will assist in securing a safe place to stay for the night and provide support to create an action plan to find and maintain long-term sustainable housing.

For more information about the YMCA Rural Housing and Homelessness Outreach, visit YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce at www.ymcaowensound.on.ca.

Bruce County also utilises the universal 211 service to help people connect to community, social, health, and government services in their communities. 211 services are available 24/7 and can assist vulnerable individuals with accessing housing support after hours. Individuals will then be connected with a YMCA Housing Outreach Worker for further assistance. Services are available by dialing 2-1-1 or by visiting the Bruce & Grey Community Information website at www.brucegreycityinfo.cioc.ca.

“Through strong partnerships, Bruce County is able to build a strong housing response system for vulnerable residents”, says Tania Dickson, Housing Services Manager, “Thank you to community organizations like YMCA and 211, and many community volunteers, for your continued support for those who are homeless or are at risk of homelessness.”

“YMCA is committed to delivering responsive services to help individuals and families obtain or maintain short-term shelter and long-term permanent housing”, says Matthew Shute, Director Community Initiatives and Employment Services.

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