

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE November 17, 2023

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Office of Homeless Solutions Friends Group**

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) is pleased to announce a new initiative to develop a volunteer corps to serve Dallas' unsheltered neighbors. This new program, known as The OHS Friends Group, will be managed by the OHS Volunteer Services Division.

The OHS Friends Group members will be engaged in various special projects including supporting the City's temporary inclement weather shelters, volunteering at The Bridge Homeless Recovery Center, and assisting, as needed, other local non-profits in the Continuum of Care. In addition, the OHS Volunteer Services Division will work with organizations and individuals of all ages to identify projects, including some that can be done remotely. Service projects will be highlighted via communications to all members including those who are unable to volunteer, but are interested in learning more about the group's activities.

You are invited to join us for the official launch of the OHS Friends Group on Monday, December 11, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Smoky Rose, 8602 Garland Rd., hosted by Councilmember Paula Blackmon. During the event, we will also use this as an opportunity to collect used or gently used coats that will be distributed through OHS' street outreach team during inclement weather.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please reach out to me or Christine Crossley, Office of Homeless Solutions Director, at Christine.Crossley@dallas.gov.

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Kimberly Bizer Tolbert
Deputy City Manager

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