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County Executive Jen Metzger

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## **Ulster County, in Partnership with Village and Town, Opens Ellenville Warming Center Ahead of Major Winter Storm CENTER WILL OPEN AT HUNT MEMORIAL BUILDING ON SATURDAY, JAN. 24, AT 5PM**

**KINGSTON, NY** - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger announced today the opening of the Ellenville Warming Center at the Hunt Memorial Building on Saturday, January 24, at 5 PM, ahead of a major winter storm forecasted to bring heavy snowfall across the region. The warming center is being activated in partnership with the Village of Ellenville and the Town of Wawarsing, and will be operated by 2nda Iglesia La Misi3n Church, which also operates the Kingston Warming Center.

The Ellenville Warming Center will operate seven days a week from 5 PM to 9 AM through the end of March. The Hunt Memorial Building is owned by the Village and located at 124 Canal Street, and meals, bedding and cots will be provided.

“With dangerously cold weather on the way, opening this warming center now is essential to keeping people safe,” **said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger.** “I’m deeply grateful to the Village of Ellenville, the Town of Wawarsing, and 2nda Iglesia La Misi3n Church for working with us to get the center opened this weekend. Every resident must have a warm, safe place to sleep, and this partnership ensures that no one in Ellenville will be left out in the cold.”

“There were a number of hurdles to overcome, and I am extremely grateful to see the warming center activated in Ellenville. 2nda Iglesia La Misi3n Church has a proven model of success operating the warming center in Kingston, and we now have a blueprint for the future,” **said Ellenville Mayor Evan Trent.** “I would like to extend our gratitude to County Executive Jen Metzger and her entire team for their continued efforts, working hand in hand with us, to see this accomplished.”

“The warming shelter has been a challenge for quite some time, and I’m grateful that the village and town were able to work together to assist our residents. We’re also very grateful to 2nda Iglesia La Misión Church for stepping in to operate the center. A huge thank you to Ulster County for providing the coordination and funding to make this possible,” **said Wawarsing Supervisor Joe Stoeckeler.** “This is a true team effort, and our community is stronger for it.”

Ulster County Department of Social Services will fund the operating costs for 2nda Iglesia La Misión Church to run the warming center. The Town and Village will jointly contribute to the cost of opening the building for use.

Last year, County Executive Metzger worked with the Town and Village to open the Ellenville warming center for the first time. Ellenville Regional Hospital operated the center in the first year, and 2nda Iglesia La Misión Church will operate the center going forward.

For more information, visit:

[www.ulstercountyny.gov/Departments/Emergency-Services/Warming-and-Cooling-Centers](http://www.ulstercountyny.gov/Departments/Emergency-Services/Warming-and-Cooling-Centers)

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