

KLAMATH FAMILY WARMING CENTER

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To whom it may concern:

The Klamath Family Warming Center is a seasonal overnight facility for those needing shelter during the cold Klamath winter. We have been operating in Klamath Falls for eight years. We maintain a good working relationship with Sky Lakes Medical Center and the City of Klamath Falls Police Department.

When we open on December 1, we notify the emergency room at the hospital that we are open for the season and give them our times and days of operation. We supply them with our direct phone number and contact person. The same procedure is done with the police department. We receive guests at all hours of the night from these emergency agencies. When we close on March 15 we notify them so they do not send people here when we are not in operation. We have even had calls from other homeless agencies when they were unable to take a guest in. It is our responsibility to let these agencies know of our available services.

This has been a great working relationship with our community responders. I am writing this to share my experience with how a community is able to work together for the good of all. I write this in support of the Senate Bill 1076. When we work together everyone's life is enhanced.

Respectfully,

Kathy Crabtree

Shelter Coordinator

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