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C-U at Home Announces One Winter Night 2026:

Community Invited to Stand in Solidarity with Our Neighbors Experiencing Homelessness

Champaign-Urbana, IL – C-U at Home is proud to announce the return of One Winter Night, its signature annual fundraiser and community awareness event, taking place **February 6, 2026** in downtown Champaign. For more than a decade, One Winter Night has brought people together to shine a light on homelessness and raise critical funds for housing, support services, and long-term stability.

On this powerful night, participants—known as Outdoor Participants—commit to spending the night outside and in a small way, understand the challenges faced by those without stable housing. Community members, businesses, faith partners, and civic leaders are invited to take part by sponsoring participants, making donations, attending the event, or joining the growing number of volunteers.

A Night That Brings Hope

Funds raised for One Winter Night support C-U at Home's Pathways to Progress program, including transitional housing, resource navigation, case management, and life-skills programming. With the upcoming opening of the new Mattis Street campus, this year's event carries special significance as the organization prepares for expanded capacity and deeper impact.

"We are seeing lives change every single day," said Melissa Courtwright, Executive Director of C-U at Home. "One Winter Night is more than just a fundraiser—it is a community declaration that no one in Champaign County is ever too far gone to find hope, stability, and a new beginning."

How to Get Involved

C-U at Home invites individuals, families, churches, businesses, and community groups to participate in the following ways:

- **Sign up as an Outdoor Participant**
- **Sponsor a participant or team**
- **Become a business sponsor**
- **Volunteer at the event**
- **Donate online to support homeless services year-round**

Registration, sponsorship information, and giving opportunities will be available on the event website: <https://p2p.onecause.com/own2026>

About C-U at Home

C-U at Home is a faith-based organization providing transitional housing, intensive case management, and life-skills support for individuals experiencing homelessness. Through its “Pathways to Progress” program, C-U at Home empowers individuals to build stability and pursue long-term recovery in the seven domains of health, housing, recovery, life skills, income, physical wellness, and spiritual growth.