Fairfax County has six emergency shelters for individuals and families who are homeless. These shelters are operated by community nonprofit organizations under contract with the county. The shelters have additional capacity during winter months to take in people overnight who are at risk of hypothermia. Beyond the six shelters, a hypothermia prevention program operates throughout the county during the winter to provide additional safe, warm space for homeless individuals at night. Below is information on each of the county’s hypothermia prevention programs.

**FACETS’ hypothermia prevention season** begins on Nov. 21, 2010, and runs through March 14, 2011. **FACETS served over 240 clients last season.** They are actively recruiting volunteers, faith-based communities and staff; the week of March 6-14 still remains for faith partners to sign up for hosting a site. Almost all temporary hypothermia prevention staff has been hired. FACETS is working on re-designing their case management program where clients will be placed on two different tracks and placed with a case manager based on their needs. FACETS rotates week-to-week between faith-based community hosting sites. **For more information, please visit [www.FacetsCares.org](http://www.facetscares.org).**

**Volunteers of America (VOA) Bailey’s Crossroad’s** hypothermia program is operated under the management of Bailey’s Crossroads Community Shelter and it runs from Dec. 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. Bailey’s Crossroads Hypothermia Program **served over 470 clients last season.** Hypothermia prevention guests assemble at the Bailey’s Community Shelter each evening at 4:30 p.m. and have their evening meal at the shelter. After dinner, the clients depart the shelter for off-site hypothermia prevention shelter sites. Approximately 25 women and up to 35 men each night are taken to separate faith-based community hypothermia prevention shelters. **For more information, please visit [http://www.voaches.org/Services/Homeless-Services/Baileys-Crossroads-Hypothermia-Shelter-Program.aspx](http://www.voaches.org/Services/Homeless-Services/Baileys-Crossroads-Hypothermia-Shelter-Program.aspx).**

**Reston Interfaith’s** Embry Rucker Community Shelter (ERCS) operate three separate winter programs. ERCS Winter North County Program **served over 160 clients last season.** They offer 12 overflow cots for nine men and three women starting Nov. 1, 2010, at their main shelter during the hours of 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. daily. Beginning Dec. 1, 2010, they will open up floor space in the main shelter on a “no turn away” basis for anyone seeking shelter from the cold during the hours of 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. Also beginning Dec. 1, 2010, they will serve 25 individuals on floor mats at their hypothermia program at the North County Government Building. Each program is completely staffed by paid employees and each is supported by nightly volunteers. Bilingual staff is on site at each program and the nurse practitioner will visit the hypothermia sites two nights per week. Additionally, case management and housing locator services will be available for clients and they have managerial support available 24 hours per day throughout the winter season, which ends on March 31. Reston Interfaith is partnering with many agencies including the Fairfax County Fire Marshall, the Reston Police Department, Detox Diversion and Mobile Crisis Units as a way to safely manage emergency situations as they may arise. **For more information, please visit [www.RestonInterfaith.org](http://www.RestonInterfaith.org).**

**New Hope Housing** operates the Ventures in Community Hypothermia Outreach Program (VICHOP), which opens its doors on Dec. 1, 2010, at Rising Hope Church. VICHOP **served over 124 clients last season.** New Hope Housing continues to receive quality volunteer support from community churches and local nonprofit organizations. Their first volunteer training session is scheduled for Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Their volunteers continue to donate 100 percent of their volunteer time and effort to cover shelter shifts. Almost all shelter nights are covered, with the exception of three nights in January. In order to fill the gaps for this season, they have recruited one new church and two churches took on additional nights. **For more information, please visit [http://www.newhopehousing.org/?page_id=98](http://www.newhopehousing.org/?page_id=98).**

**Falls Church Winter Shelter** opens its doors for occupancy on Dec. 1, 2010. The shelter **served over 48 clients last season.** The Friends of Falls Church have recruited an additional 48 volunteers for this upcoming season. New Hope Housing staff along with members of the Friends of Falls Church Board of Directors will host an open house for all volunteers on Nov. 14, from 2-4 p.m., at the shelter site. Their formal volunteer/staff training is scheduled for Nov. 16, from 7:30-9:30 p.m., at St. James Catholic Church. **For more information, please visit [http://www.fallschurchva.gov/Content/Government/WinterPrep.aspx?cnlid=228](http://www.fallschurchva.gov/Content/Government/WinterPrep.aspx?cnlid=228).**