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Hearts with Hands County Shelter and Meals Extended During Winter Storm Fern

Swannanoa, NC, January 26, 2026: 3:30 PM EST. || In response to Winter Storm Fern, Hearts with Hands is opening its warehouse (850 Warren Wilson Road, Swannanoa, NC 28778) as a county shelter to support individuals and families impacted by severe winter weather conditions.

The shelter opened 1/24/26 at 9:00 AM and at this time will remain open until Wednesday, 1/26 at Noon. We will provide warm meals, a safe indoor space, and essential support services for those in need during the storm. Hearts with Hands is working closely with the Red Cross and Buncombe County Emergency Management to provide this resource.

As of 4 PM today, 1/26, the community shelters at Reuter Family YMCA and Erwin High will demobilize. Any current shelter clients who wish to remain sheltered will be transported to Hearts with Hands.

Volunteers are needed to help with meal prep and serving meals! If you are able to help with one of the meal shifts please sign up to serve! Volunteer shifts are Breakfast 6-9 AM, Lunch 10 AM-1 PM, and Dinner 3-6 PM.

Volunteer Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084DA5A829A4FF2-54282186-volunteer#/>

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