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Winter Homeless Population

Anchor intro:

The first major snow storm hit the DC area are causing many Washingtonian's to stay warm indoors. But many others are not so fortunate. Dena Gudaitis reports on how DC's homeless live during the coldest season of the year...

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SNOW TRUCKS ARE PLOWING THE 6 INCHES OF SNOW THAT BLANKETED THE DC AREA. THE WET AND BELOW FREEZING TEMPERATURES MAKE LIFE ON THE STREETS—ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT FOR THOSE WITHOUT PERMANENT SHELTER.

Andre Moon SOT (:11):

“I can put up with the cold, you can put enough clothes on, but I can deal with spring and summer better.”

TO FILL THE VOID, THE COMMUNITY FOR CREATIVE NON-VIOLENCE OPENS ITS DOORS. AS THE LARGEST HOMELESS CENTER IN THE COUNTRY, CCNV CAN PROVIDE

SHELTER AND BEDS TO 12-
HUNDRED PEOPLE.

James Burton SOT (:19):

“We’re not going to turn anyone away even if they’ve got to sleep on the sofas, got to sleep in chairs. We’re not going to turn anyone away. We don’t want to have anyone freezing to death.”

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ACCORDING TO A RECENT SURVEY,
THE DISTRICT HAS 15 THOUSAND
HOMELESS AND MANY COUNT ON
CCNV.

Delbert Neice SOT (:08)

“It has saved me from hypothermia. It has even saved me from starving and death on the streets... but definitely from freezing.”

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ALTHOUGH THERE’S A BREAK IN THE
WEATHER TODAY, FORECASTERS
ARE PREDICTING MORE SNOW ON
THE WAY. CCNV EXPECTS MORE
HOMELESS TO COME IN OFF THE
STREETS. DENA GUDAITIS IN
NORTHWEST DC.