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C-U AT HOME ONE WINTER NIGHT KICKS OFF

Winter is on the way. We have been blessed with unseasonably warm weather so far, but take a few steps outside today. While most of us have warm homes to peacefully sleep in during the frigid winter months, there are many who do not. They resort to sleeping in any enclosed or partially enclosed space they can find to shield them from the elements. Take a moment to imagine how much more difficult your life would be right now if you did not have a warm, safe place to sleep tonight. . .

The time is drawing near for our 5th Annual **C-U at Home One Winter Night**. One Winter Night is a community public awareness event to help the homeless. The event will take place in downtown Champaign along Neil Street. Participants will brave the cold for 12 hours, from 6pm-6am on Friday, February 5 – Saturday February 6, 2015. Join our mayor and police chief, city and county leaders, several area pastors, professionals, students and other public figures, as they spend the night outside, shivering in a cardboard box, in support of the most vulnerable homeless. We are looking for more **box dwellers** to join our team. Could that be you?

We are very excited about moving to our new location at 34 E. Green in January. That is the new location for both our **Phoenix Daytime Drop-In Center** and the new C-U at Home office. In order to keep helping people with our Drop-In Center, Recovery House, Family House, Women's House, Street Outreach and Transportation Ministry, we have set the fundraising **goal for One Winter Night at \$150,000**.

A very special feature this year will be the world premiere of our documentary, **The Phoenix: Hope Is Rising**. It chronicles the birth and growth story of C-U at Home over the last 5 years. You can find out more at **www.thephoenixhopeisrising.com**.

One Winter Night will once again shine the spotlight on **education about homelessness** with a full slate of speaker presentations in the Champaign City Council Chambers from 6pm-10pm.

Funds will be raised through a combination of support for **specific box dwellers, business sponsors, and general donations**. You can find out more about how to **donate** at **www.cuathome.us**. Please consider an end of year tax deductible donation to support C-U at Home. Thank you.