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Ensure Youth Experiencing Homelessness are Out of the Cold this Winter

Coon Rapids, Minnesota - On any given night in Minnesota, 6,000 youth do not have a place to call home. Many are living on a friend's couch, in their cars or out on the street. This holiday season, you can help ensure that young people are never left out in the cold again by joining in HOPE 4 Youth's [*Out of the Cold Final Freeze*](#) on December 20th from noon-8 pm at the [Anoka County Sheriff's Office](#) (13301 Hanson Blvd NW, Andover).

The **Final Freeze** hosted by Anoka County Sheriff James Stuart and 102.9 The Wolf's Mandy James still has many one-hour timeslots available to go out in the cold to raise awareness of what homeless youth experience while living on the streets, as well as funds for HOPE 4 Youth to bring the youth out of the cold. Time slots can be registered for at HOPE4YouthMN.org/cold.

HOPE 4 Youth's goal for *Out of the Cold* to raise \$65,000, of which we have raised \$24,000. The [Champlin Park Baseball Association](#) has given a \$10,000 match which we are hoping to meet by 8 p.m. on the 20th. Donations can be made securely online at HOPE4YouthMN.org/Donate, select Out of the Cold. Or help bring Sheriff Stuart and his team Out of the Cold by donating to his fundraiser at <https://runsignup.com/sheriffstuart>.

The Final Freeze will have a fun-filled atmosphere with music, food trucks, games, fundraising updates, and more. There will also be a photo opportunity with the Spring Lake Park Squirts B1 Hockey Team who raised the most funds for Youth Hockey Out of the Cold. This event will be outside so dress accordingly.

To learn more about *Out of the Cold*, visit www.HOPE4YouthMN.org/cold or contact *Kristin VanHeel* at kvanheel@hope4youthmn.org

About HOPE 4 Youth

HOPE 4 Youth, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit headquartered in Coon Rapids, Minnesota, provide pathways to end youth homelessness. The first and only Drop-In Center and supportive transitional housing program for youth in the north metro area, HOPE 4 Youth strives to provide a community where all youth feel safe, valued, and supported, while reaching their full potential. For more information, visit HOPE4YouthMN.org or contact Kristin VanHeel at kvanheel@hope4youthmn.org.

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