

# Austin Mutual Aid Cold Weather Activation

December 2024 -  
March 2025

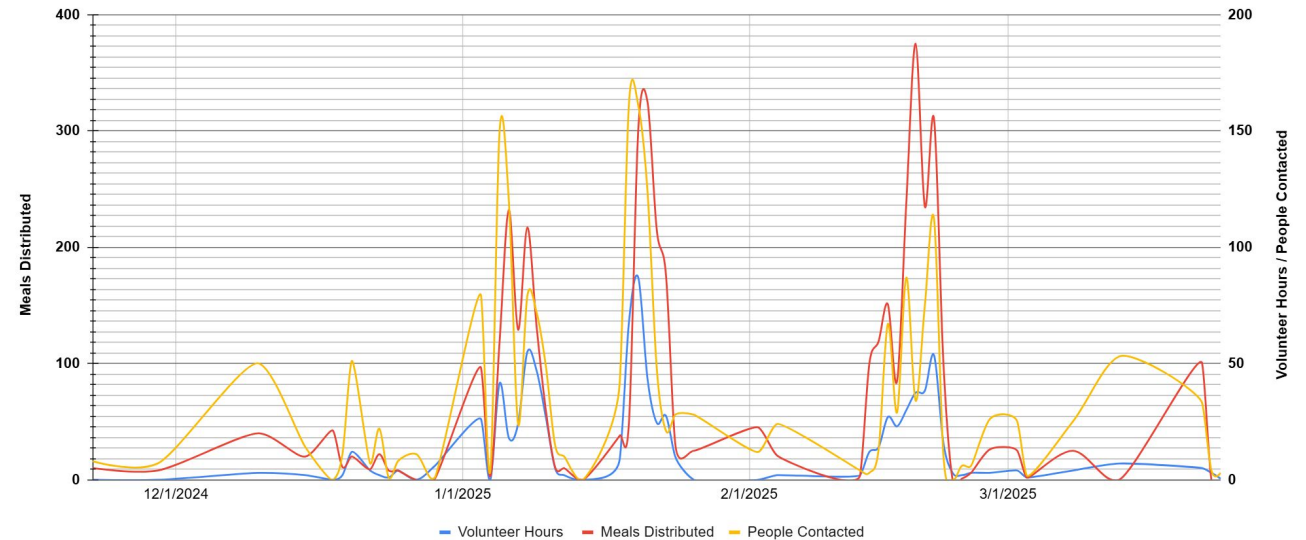




# AMA Response

- Direct Outreach: Engaged directly with the unhoused across Austin, providing:
  - Meals and Essential Supplies: Distributed meals, harm reduction supplies, survival gear, and service navigation support.
  - Clothing and Gear: Distributed 150 jackets, over 200 blankets, numerous sleeping bags, tents, hand warmers, hats, gloves, and gaiters, along with Narcan and other useful items.
  - Advocacy and Resourcing: Offered information on available resources and regularly engage city officials for better policy
- Continual Support:
  - Conducted repeated check-ins at various camps throughout the week.
  - Responded promptly to direct messages and posts on our community Facebook page, directing resources where needed.
- Coordination with other organizations, such as **Good Works Austin** and **Austin Street Medics**, to pool resources and reach the most vulnerable.

**AMA Winter Response**  
Volunteer Hours, Meals, People Contacted per Day

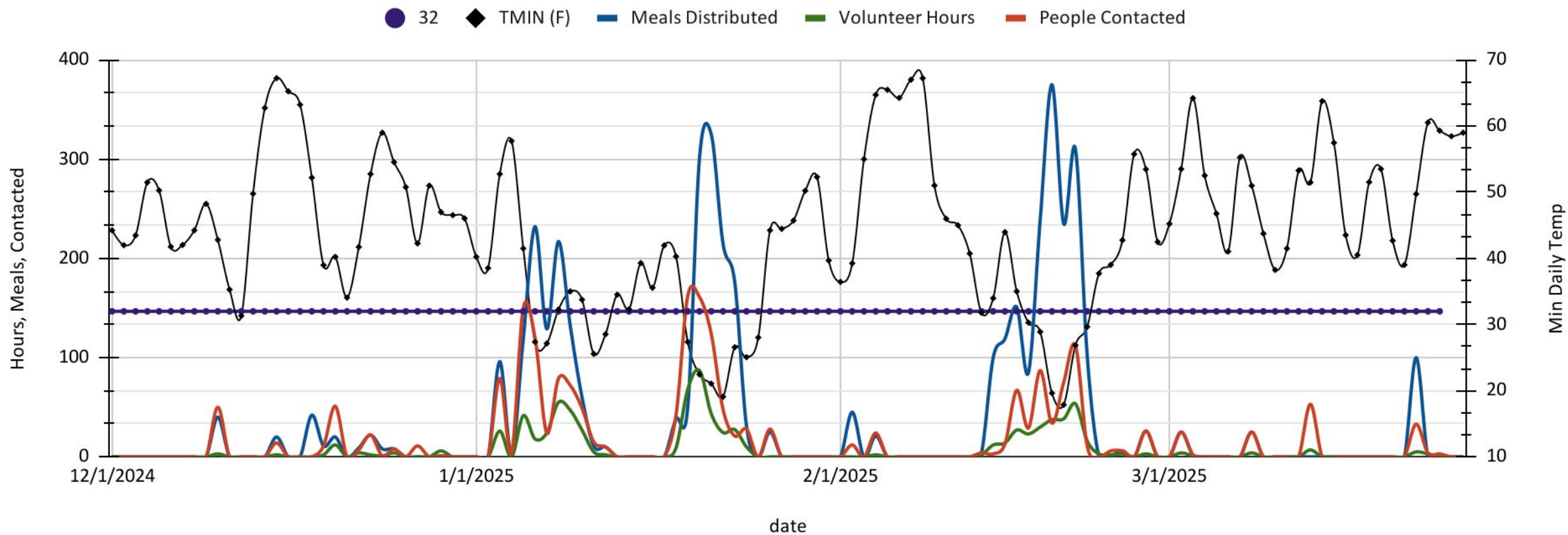


*Our volunteers worked over **840** hours to deliver **4300** meals and other survival supplies to more hundreds of individuals*

*\*Data submitted via tracking form, we estimate these numbers to be far higher*



## Temperature vs AMA Activation



This chart shows our Boots on the Ground Efforts. You can see a correlation between temperatures dropping and the number of volunteer hours, people contacted, and meals distributed.



Note:  
We have hot meals for dinner that need to be picked up between 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM at 3 different locations (TBA).

Drop-off locations & quantities:  
30 meals: St. Mark United Methodist Church  
50 meals (Dinner): Northwest Fairfield  
100 meals: Memorial United Methodist Church.

Edited 11:47 AM



Proud to be part of this effort, y'all are awesome!



# Thousands of Meals Served

These r the meals my friends made that we distro along with some of the chicks meals!!!

8:53 PM  
❤️ 4



Chicken noodle soup & socks going out today! A collaborative effort of me & my neighbor! 🥰

2:40 PM  
❤️ 3 🙌



11 hot meals handed out e 7th.

5:10 PM  
❤️ 4

People will be cold & wet today. We need some reinforcements. I'm pretty tired. Yesterday's distro left me soaked. We will have an additional 150 hot meals to distro. Provided by Good Works Austin. 🐝 ❤️

8:10 AM  
❤️

We distro 120 meals today yall!

10:36 PM  
❤️ 5 🤔 100



54 turkey sandwiches for distribution tonight

8:26 PM  
❤️ 3

80 meals currently at st marks

4:33 PM  
❤️ 3

I gave out 45 meals during day & have another 100 containers of food .., a little tired

6:09 PM  
❤️ 3



Ok. Im p wiped and we just distroed 50 meals and 8 first aid kits and 8 beany/glove/gaiter sets. Im gonna go up to st marks to pick up the tents

8:55 PM  
👍 2



100 meals headed to memorial

4:30 PM  
❤️ 3



40 ish meals + the kits you started making have been sent through Hungry Hill to William Cannon camp!!

9:02 PM  
❤️ 2

22 meals! Arroz, elote y pollo

2:34 PM  
👍



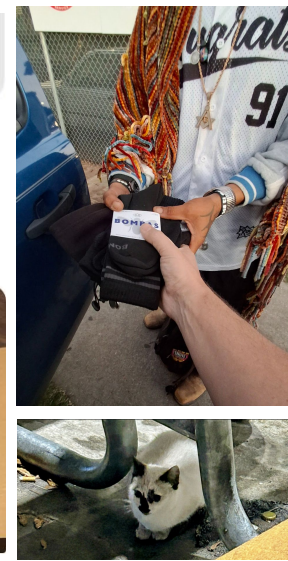
# Supplies to Hundreds of People

Hey everybody, when you have a chance, do you think this is an accurate list of the ZIP Codes that have been covered? 78701, 78702, 78705, 78721, 78723, 78741, 78745, 78746, 78752, 78753, 78757, 78758

I just dropped off bags of coats, some shoes, sweaters at Memorial United Methodist Church. If anyone is available today & tomorrow to stop by to sort and/or distro that'd be amazing!!! Edited 6:56 PM

Found a 40-ish person camp down south off wm cannon. Gave what I have, but lots of people here.

Can you send me what three words as well and I'll see about getting some meals and supplies out there 7:13 PM



They're HEAVY! I feel like we SCORED with these

**FREEZING RAIN IS EXPECTED**

**GATHER ALL CLEAN BLANKETS, JACKETS, HOODIES, BEANIES, GLOVES, TARPS, TENTS, STAKES AND CAMP SUPPLIES**



**DROP OFF**

FROM 9 AM TO 9 PM

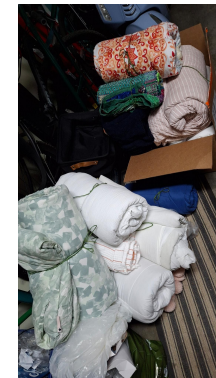
ST MARKS UNITED METHODIST (Community Room)  
601 W Braker Ln

HUNGRY HILL  
1189 Springdale Rd

10 am - 10 pm  
MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH  
6100 Berkman Dr



Thank you! I told him tomorrow at the earliest.





St Marks gained some new parishioners this week 🍷 We could use some support in packing everything up today! I'm about to crash. Thank you all so much for showing up in all the ways. My heart is full. I'll actually be distro'ing some of the leftover meals later today if anyone's around. G'Nite. 🙏

7:51 AM  
❤️ 3

Hey y'all St Marks could use some support hosting overnight shelter!


St Marks Schedule  
 Set up & dinner prep 4:30-6  
 Intake 6-9  
 Overnight 9-1  
 12-6  
 Breakfast 6-9  
 Clean up 8-10  
 Laundry (daily at your home)

11:41 AM



Im currently at AFA loading up our 30 cots and blanket sets and heading to St Marks to set up shelter. Pamela is cooking dinner for the shelter tonite. But I'd love to distro in the area to let people know

2:23 PM



**COLD WEATHER SHELTER AVAILABLE**  
**St. Mark United Methodist Church**  
**601 W BRAKER LN**  
 Lawshae Community Building

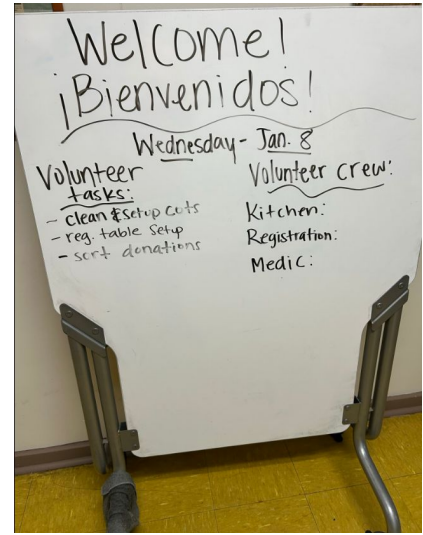
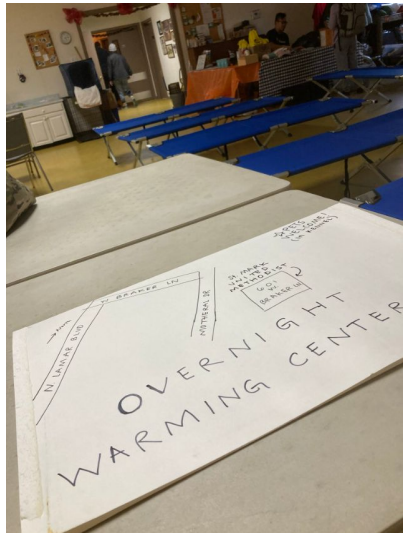
A Warm Safe Space to Sleep  
 M-Th night  
**Doors 6-9pm**

Food, water and blankets available.

Pets are allowed in crate.

More info: 512-763-5033





# Shelter at St Marks



Ice cream party at the St Marks shelter!. One mentioned it and then everyone wanted some! 🍷 heeded the call

9:49 PM  
❤️ 3

# Collaborations

- St Mark's United Methodist Church
- Memorial United Methodist Church
- Good Works Austin
- Austin Street Medics
- Community Resilience Trust
- Walking By Faith Ministry



# Takeaways

- We saw success partnering with faith based groups to set up shelters and receive/sort/distribute supplies
- Important to quickly onboarding new volunteers
- Our storage space is a limiting factor, our new decentralized hub system has been effective.
- We need more funds in order to buy supplies in bulk and allow for reimbursements for in the moment needs.
- Our communication methods are effective, but can improve to be more scalable

***The size of the challenge is massive, but it's only a question of resources, and it IS solvable!***

