



Dear Friends,

I would like to commend to you Ms. Rebecca Huang and the proposed program, “Friends of the Bad Weather Shelter.” The Pasadena Bad Weather Shelter, a collaborative effort of the City of Pasadena, congregations, local organizations and individuals, has provided shelter and a hot, healthy meal to the homeless during the winter months since its inception in 1986. The Ecumenical Council has administered the program since 1988.

The \$110,000 program is currently funded through a variety of sources: the City of Pasadena (\$60,000), the Federal Government (formerly \$25,000) and donations by congregations and individuals. City funding for the program has dried up and federal and individual funding has also decreased due to the economic downturn. To resolve this problem Ms. Huang has figured out a creative and doable program that will enable us to continue to provide this humanitarian service to the vulnerable people who live on the streets during the winter months. If local businesses become “Friends” of the shelter at \$600 a year, this hypothermia prevention program can continue to keep the homeless safe and monitored overnight during January and February, and during a weather activation period in late November, December and early March.

I encourage you to consider being part of this important venture. Thank you for your interest and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Patricia O'Reilly'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and 'O'.

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