When the COVID-19 pandemic began, we knew we could no longer feed our guests inside the building, for the health of our guests, volunteers, and staff. We were prepared to switch to take-out meals and continue sharing meals with our guests without missing a beat.

But as the winter drew nearer, we knew we needed a solution to provide some kind of alternative to day shelter that would prioritize the warmth, safety, and dignity of our guests.

So, we initiated a new project...

Project Warm

**Heated Serving Shed**
- Our serving shed was wired for lighting and heating by IBEW Local 488. It was winterized by Carpenters Local 326.
- It was made to protect the health of our guests, volunteers, and staff.
- We serve meals for breakfast & lunch every weekday.
- An average of 400 meals are served each day.
- We feed about 400 guests every month.

**Tea, Coffee, & Portalets**
- From our "Blue House", we have found a COVID-safe way to hand out hot coffee and tea for guests, to provide some warmth during the winter.
- We give out coffee and tea every day from 9:30AM-12:30PM.
- We also have portable toilets for use, so that the guests are able to use private facilities while they are visiting.

**Warm Winter Essentials**
- Also from our "Blue House", we hand out warm winter essential clothes and other items for guests to stay safe during the winter and pandemic.
- In two months since we started Project Warm, we gave out 14,000 pounds of coats, hats, gloves, socks, underwear and sleeping bags.
- We have also given out 1,000 masks and 250 personal hygiene packages.

**Food Pantry Awning**
- The awning leading to the Eat Smart Food Pantry was installed by Fair County Awning Company.
- It provides covering for guests while they are standing in line to receive their groceries.
- Our Eat Smart Food Pantry is open twice a week and provides groceries for 450 families per month.