

“Freezin’ 4 Reasons to be held March 31”

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Marinette - The St. Joseph Conference’s Youth and Young Vincentians of Marinette and Peshtigo’s annual event, Freezin’ 4 Reasons, will be held at the NWTC North Coast Building, Main Street, March 31, from 2 p.m. to midnight.

The purpose of this event is to create awareness of homelessness in the area. Participants collect funds prior to the event and these monies are used solely to shelter local Marinette and Menominee greater area homeless families throughout the year.

There will be guest speakers each hour from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Two different soups will be prepared by local volunteers. Youth are asked to bring desserts or snacks that will be shared throughout the eight-hour event.

Youth collect donations from Main Street throughout the eight hours with 10-minute warm up breaks when they will hear a guest speaker from a local agency who works with homeless families; homeless liaisons from local schools; as well as homeless students and families who received assistance.

Sponsors are needed to cover expenses of t-shirts, food and drinks, and donations for shelter expenses.

Youth groups, school clubs, businesses and organizations are encouraged to register as participants. During the week of March 31 people may begin a pre-event challenge collecting financial donations as well as non-food personal or household items, paper and cleaning products, or fuel-only cards. Items can be delivered to The District Council SVdP Thrift Store, 1619 Main Street, Marinette (specify the donations are for the Freezin’ 4 Reasons project). Checks made payable to St. Joseph SSVdP Conference, may be sent to P.O. Box 563, Marinette, WI 54143-0563.

For more information, people may contact Jeanne Harper, chair, P.O. Box 563, Marinette, WI, 54143-0563, or email jmharper1964@gmail.com or 715-923-9549.