

Students Serve Wilmington Homeless During Deep Freeze



Jay Hutchinson January 8 2018

Braving the cold that paralyzed much of the mid-Atlantic last weekend, twelve St. Andrew's seniors brought warmth to some of Delaware's homeless men and women in the form of soup, sandwiches, and fellowship. Students gave up their Saturday evening activities on campus to travel in vans to Wilmington to participate in [Code Purple](#), which in cold weather offers emergency sanctuary to Wilmington's neediest in the late afternoon and early evening, before the larger homeless shelters open for clients to spend the night. The effort was organized by Elisa Davila '18, and students ladled soup into bowls and slapped together peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to offer some level of comfort to folks who coming in off the street from temperatures of 10 degrees and below. They fed about 100 homeless men and women that evening. "However, the most beneficial thing that these senior Saints offered was conviviality and fellowship," said Chaplain Jay Hutchinson. Students engaged visitors in conversation and played games and music (and also cleaned up at the end of the night). "The connections that our students made brought some cheer and hope to these clients, who have been subject to the unusually cold temperatures we've experienced since the beginning of the new year," Hutchinson added.