

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What is Dusk til Dawn?

A sleep out event on Friday March 31 for Dawning Family Services. Participants will sleep out for one night in solidarity of families facing homelessness. The intent of Dusk til Dawn is to elevate awareness of families with children who are facing homelessness in Tampa and Hillsborough County, and foster meaningful conversation and action on this serious issue.

## Why should I participate?

We believe every child deserves a safe place to sleep and hope for a brighter future. We know you do, too. Your participation in Dusk til Dawn sends a message that our community's most vulnerable families need help. Funds raised by Dusk til Dawn will help Dawning Family Services continue providing emergency shelter and services to families with children who are experiencing homelessness.

## What should I bring on March 31?

Participants should bring whatever items they need to feel comfortable to sleep. We hope you can join us at Dawning Family Services for the sleep out. You may sleep in your car or outside. Items you may want to bring include sleeping bag, pillow, and a tarp or canvas if you plan to sleep on the grounds. We will provide water, snacks, restrooms, security, and a sunrise breakfast. You are welcome to bring additional beverages and snacks; however, alcohol is not permitted. Dusk til Dawn will happen rain or shine!

## How can I participate?

Your impact starts here! There are many ways to participate for individuals and groups. Register today and start your fundraising page. Consider starting or joining a fundraising team. Not comfortable fundraising? No worries! Just register or make a donation. Then plan on sleeping out on Friday March 31. Participants are encouraged to sleep out at Dawning Family Services, where there will be programming, activities, snacks, a movie, and sunrise breakfast. You may also opt to sleep out in your own safe space at home or with friends. If you can't join in person, watch our Facebook livestream program.

## Are children allowed to participate?

Absolutely! Dusk til Dawn is a family friendly event. Children and families are encouraged to participate together either at Dawning Family Services or in their own safe space. Please note that all children sleeping out at Dawning Family Services on March 31 must be accompanied by an adult.

## Where does the money we raise go?

All proceeds go to Dawning Family Services to provide emergency shelter and services for families with children who are touched by homelessness.

## May I bring my dog?

We love dogs, but unfortunately, they are not allowed at Dawning Family Services during the event.

## How many members can be on a fundraising team?

The more the merrier! A team can include friends, family members, colleagues, etc. We want as many people participating as possible!