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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – As southwest Ohio prepares for what could be a colder-than-normal winter, Cedarville University's student government association (SGA) and global outreach office are coming alongside a ministry of Awaken Church in Columbus, Ohio, to gather plastic bags to be made into blankets for the homeless.

Each of the blankets requires thousands of bags, and the project is an environmentally conscious way of reusing bags that may normally be thrown away.

Plastic bags will be accepted through December 9 and can be dropped off at the SGA office in the Stevens Student Center at Cedarville University.

Sarah Daubenmire, a senior business management major from Franklin, Ohio, who attends Awaken Church, encouraged Cedarville University's involvement in the project.

"It's good to find ways to practically help people," said Daubenmire. "I've been looking for ways to serve and get other people involved."

"This time of year, especially with the cold weather, it's very vital to find ways to reach out. It's a great opportunity for students to help those who may not have the physical resources to keep warm and enjoy the season," said Brooke Lowry, SGA vice president and senior communication major.

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