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HELP SOMEONE SLEEP IN A WARM BED ON A COLD NIGHT: BOULDER SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS



The Boulder Shelter for the Homeless' mission is to provide safe shelter, food, support services and an avenue to self-sufficiency for adult homeless women and men in our community. Unfortunately, the shelter has not had the funding to operate at its full 165-bed capacity, which means they've occasionally had to turn people away.

The Shelter started the season at 120 beds, which meant that about 20 percent of the time, people were turned away. A strong year-end giving season has allowed the shelter to bump up the number of available beds to 145.

However, they are in ongoing need of donations to sustain that capacity.

The Shelter has two primary programs. The *Basic Needs Sheltering Program* provides emergency housing during the winter months of October through April such that homeless individuals to prevent them from suffering debilitating frost bite, the violence of life on the street or even death. This program provides each person with up to 90 days per season of food, overnight shelter, and basic case management. Additionally, the Shelter is open each morning year-round to provide a hot breakfast, a sack lunch, access to showers and laundry, phone and mail service and case management.

The second program offered by the Shelter is the *Transition Program*. This year-round program serves individuals in transition to permanent housing. Through case management and contract arrangements, clients develop a life plan to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness. All Transition Program residents must sign a contract with the Shelter agreeing to stay clean and sober, and are required to save up to 75% of their income for future housing needs. The Transition Program has graduated over 400 women and men into stable housing since its inception in 1996.

If you are interested in making a gift to help keep the Shelter's beds available for the homeless, please contact Carly Hare, Programs Director, at 303-442-0436, ext. 111, or carly@commfound.org.