



## Successful First Season at the New Emergency Winter Shelter!

The Emergency Winter Shelter had its first season in the new building, located behind our daytime Resource Center. This was a vital safety net for some of Concord's most vulnerable men and women on dangerously cold winter nights. Thank you to the entire community for helping to make this permanent location a reality.

Thank you to our partners from Thrive Outdoors who managed the day-to-day aspects of the Shelter and kept things running smoothly.

With 20 bunk beds, the space is compact and no-frills. The staff, along with more than 70 volunteers, made sure that everyone was treated with dignity and respect, care and concern.

MONTH	NUMBER OF NIGHTS OPEN	AVERAGE # OF GUESTS PER NIGHT
December	15	21
January	31	30
February	28	38
March	31	37
Overall	105	33

Total Unique Individuals Served - **193**

Number of nights when more than 40 people arrived (and 211 called) - **10**



*The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Concord comes Christmas caroling at the winter shelter*



## The Impact of Your Support...

### Assistance with Dignity

The Resource Center continues to provide immediate assistance to people struggling with homelessness, including:

- Caseworker support
- Laundry, shower, haircuts
- Services from other providers, such as the Downtown Clinic, Riverbend Community Mental Health, and Veterans Services

### Ending Homelessness with Permanent Housing

CCEH's Housing First Concord Program continues to provide rental assistance and intensive caseworker support to 14 individuals, all of whom were chronically homeless. Safe and permanent housing can give people the stability they need to organize their lives, improve their health, and address any underlying issues such as mental health or substance use disorder. The entire community benefits when everyone has stable, affordable housing. People who are chronically homeless often make extensive use of public services, such as shelters, hospitals, emergency rooms, jails and prisons, all at a great cost to the community. Permanent, supportive housing decreases the use of all these public services, which reduces the need for public funding.

### What's Next: More housing!

CCEH has submitted an application for funding to convert an existing building into 4 one-bedroom apartments. The apartments will be prioritized for individuals coming from homelessness, and will have rental assistance so that the person can afford the rent, even if their only income is from disability payments. If funded, this will be CCEH's first step into housing development.

We are continuing to look for ways to partner with other organizations to bring more permanent housing options to Concord for people struggling with homelessness.



### Resource Center Usage

MONTH	# OF VISITS	AVE # GUESTS PER DAY
May 2018	807	37
June 2018	737	35
July 2018	759	36
Aug 2018	670	30
Sept 2018	572	34
Oct 2018	874	40
Nov 2018	811	41
Dec 2018	915	44
Jan 2019	1156	55
Feb 2019	1056	56
March 2019	1265	60
April 2019	1152	55
Overall	10774	43

## These Kids Inspire Us All

CCEH received numerous donations from young people this year. Here are a few...



Girl Scout Troop 12553 of Bow, NH donated several backpacks, 25 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies, as well as gloves, socks and everyday necessities!



Kameron, worrying about people in the cold and the snow, went shopping and donated \$100 worth of toe and hand warmers to the Resource Center!



This young lady had a birthday party and asked her friends to bring donations for us instead of birthday gifts for her!

If I had \$100 I would donate it to homeless people and shelter's. I think people don't deserve to live out in the wild with no house no food and no water or shelter to survive. I think it is not fair that they could die or get diseased and starve to death. That's why I would like \$100.



When her class of second graders was asked to write what they would do if they had a hundred dollars, Brynn Woods, pictured here with Julie from CCEH, responded straight from her heart. To make her wish a reality, a family friend mailed her \$100, which she then donated to Concord Coalition to End Homelessness!

**CCEH relies on the generosity of our donors, big and small, to do this work.**



Featuring an “international flavor” this year, SouperFest 2019 attracted over 700 guests and 250 volunteers. With the support of 55 event sponsors, we raised over \$62,000! Guests sampled over 35 delicious soups, while enjoying the beautiful artisan bowls and bowl art for sale, and youngsters had a blast at FunFest.

Thank you to our event partners, Concord Food Co-op and the Boys and Girls Club of Central NH for making this such a success.



Coming Soon - Our  
Newest Fundraising Event!  
OCTOBER 5, 2019  
at the New Bank of NH Stage!  
Don't miss it! ★★

## A Message from Executive Director Ellen Groh

### So What Does Ending Homelessness Really Mean?

As long as poverty exists, people may fall into homelessness. An “Effective End” to homelessness means that a system and resources are in place so that homelessness is prevented whenever possible, or if it can’t be prevented, it is a rare, brief, and one-time experience.

### Four communities in the United States have actually reached this goal!

Lancaster City & County, PA; Rockford, IL; Bergen County, NJ; and Southwest Minnesota Continuum of Care.

### We want Concord to be next on the list!

But it will take the whole community working together. CCEH continues to meet regularly with the Steering Committee for Concord’s Plan to End Homelessness and with other providers and leaders in the community, to strategize what it will take for Concord to join the list of communities that have effectively ended homelessness.

The Concord community has been so incredibly supportive as we built the winter shelter. We hope you will continue to be part of this effort to actually end homelessness!

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time to learn more about our goals and how you can help.

With gratitude,



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