

# **New Hope's Mobile Resources Response Team**

We are so excited to announce a new program for Homeward Bound In Puyallup-New Hope Resource Center!

Seeing the need for services to meet the needs of the unsheltered who live in areas where there are very limited resources, New Hope Resource Center has partnered with the County and created a Mobile Resources Response Team utilizing a COVID grant.

## **The Mobile Resources Response Team consists of the following:**

- 40 ft RV (self contained)
- A 24 foot trailer with showers (self contained)
- A 20 foot trailer with 4 commercial washer/dryers for laundry services (self contained)

## **Mobile Unit will be utilized by:**

An inter-agency team of service providers from various agencies who work specifically with the unsheltered to provide essential needs, opportunities for housing and treatment, medical and behavioral health referrals, entry into the County's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and entry into Coordinated Entry (for specialized housing opportunities), immunizations/flu shots when available. Computers on the RV can be used by the guests for tele-medicine, job applications and other things done online. We will have a cell phone charging station and bus passes available. We will set up a large pop-up and have tables and chairs available for people. We will also have a hand-washing station and if needed, a sani-can brought to the location.

We will provide essential needs, such as food, clothing, toiletries, feminine hygiene, tents, sleeping bags, back-packs and blankets. As the weather gets cooler, we would provide coats, hand-warmers, hats, gloves, scarves, etc.

Our goal is to set up at strategic locations throughout the County where there are unsheltered people in need of services.

## **We are looking for CHURCH PARTNERS to provide the locations for these outreach services.**

We need location partners to make this mobile team work! We would like to use church parking lots as our locations for this work.

We would set up in the church parking lot. We would need enough space for all three mobile components and would prefer a "drive-in/drive-out" scenario as the RV will likely be towing the washer/dryer trailer, making it about 60 feet in length. Turning around and backing, although not impossible, could be a little difficult.

We would more than likely be at that location from 4 to 6 hours providing services. We would probably need an hour set up time and take down.

If the church location is willing, and can have church members or volunteers available, we would use the church restrooms. (Guests would be monitored to prevent “site-seeing” of other church areas) If not, we will provide sani-cans.

If possible, we would like to utilize the church dumpsters. If not, we will carry all garbage away with us.

### **Frequency of church parking lot use**

Depending on the church, we would like to count on 2-4 days a month. It is up to the church as to how many times a month they would like to host the outreach services.

At this time, we are scheduling to have the mobile unit operational 3 times a week, on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays**. These are days when the other service provider team members are working and available. This may change over the course of time as we get more information about the need for our services. **The start date is likely sometime in mid-September, 2020**, but we don't have the specific date yet.

### **Churches role and New Hope's role in this partnership**

An MOU (memorandum of understanding) between Homeward Bound-New Hope and the churches will be developed so that all parties are confident of their roles and expectations in this endeavor. Churches will be able to choose what they are willing to provide in this MOU.

### **Other opportunities for churches to be involved with this project!**

- Prayer for the team, the equipment, and most of all... the guests we serve!
- Church members are welcome to volunteer and meet the guests that are being served
- Donation needs for this project will be on-going. (monetary donations, clothing, shelf stable food items, toiletries, back-packs, tents, sleeping bags, office supplies, etc.)
- Volunteers to cook and prepare the meal served that day
- Coffee and tea prepared and served by church (with sugar, creamer and cups)

Your contact person for this project: Paula Anderson 253-686-7773

I am looking forward to working with your church to help serve the unsheltered in our area!

Thank you for your consideration for this partnership opportunity.

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