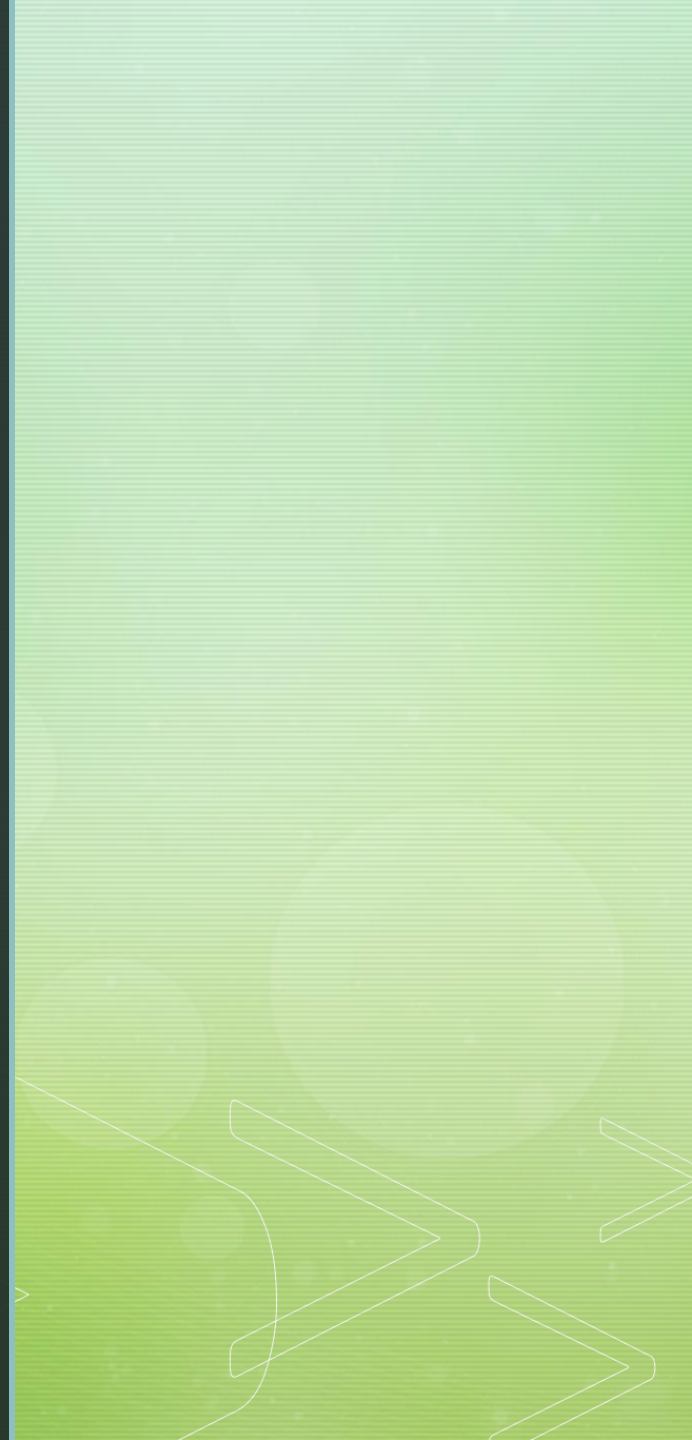


Outcomes from Karuna Winter Shelter Project & Other Agencies



Karuna Winter Shelter Project

- 116 people served on November 15th (original estimate was around 80)
- Average of 100 persons served since November 15th
- 154 total people served (133 single adults and eight families via motel vouchers)
- COVID outbreaks among staff and guests
- 6 individuals and 4 families found housing
- 6 individuals are enrolled or completed residential treatment
- 26 individuals are ready for TBRA vouchers

Karuna Success Stories

- “Matt” has been homeless for over three years. Even though he has been offered supportive housing programs in the past he has always turned them down thinking there are other people who need them more. “Matt” met regularly with Karuna staff to explore options for treatment, counseling, and housing. Karuna staff referred him to the Coordinated Entry system. He has been offered an opening in a Permanent Supportive Housing program with Couleecap and will begin searching for an apartment with his new case manager soon.”

-Julie McDermid, CEO of Karuna

Catholic Charities Warming Shelter Success Story

- “A gentleman in his 50’s who has been chronically homeless (been coming to the warming center for the last 5-10 years) recently made some great progress. He was suffering from a significant health issue which disrupted his whole life. Since he was staying with us he was able to be connected with doctors and medical staff, who weekly visit the warming center, and they were able to get him treatment which lessened the effects of his illness. We also connected him with a partnering organization to help find City housing. Our warming center coordinator, Toni Van Kirk, helped him furnish his new apartment with furniture from the Exchange. He still receives medical attention, at the warming center, on a regular basis and is healthier and happier than he’s been in a long while.”

-Kevin Burch, Director of Housing Services at Catholic Charities

New Horizons Success Story

- “The client came into shelter with their child, fleeing from domestic violence. The client shared that a diagnosed mental health diagnosis had prevented them from maintaining employment. They shared that they wanted to re-establish care with a therapist and get back on medication. During their time in shelter, the client was successful in obtaining employment, rebuilding self-esteem and confidence and a sense of safety. The client faced a lot of adversity in finding an apartment due to lack of affordable housing and a lack of rental history. The client had good credit and a record free of evictions yet received denials from over 10 apartments they applied for. It is important to note that most of the applications submitted also required an application fee. The client was able to secure a 2 bedroom apartment that was within their price range and received assistance from New Horizons with full payment of the security deposit and 1st month rent. The client also worked with an advocate to apply for WERA funding and to receive household furniture and items from theExchange.”

--Heidi Svee, Program Coordinator at New Horizons



CouleeCap Success Story

- “We are working with a gentleman who expressed that he is very grateful to have stable housing now. He had started connecting with some community resources and services prior to finding housing and these provide support to him in his sobriety. These services have continued since moving into his apartment. Stable housing has made it easier to maintain these supports and has provided an opportunity to think about new goals for himself.”

--Becky Koske, Assistant Director of Housing & Community Services for CouleeCap

