# We Need Your Help!

As part of the requirements for the recently passed ordinance for the city of Bellingham regarding temporary encampments, Winter Haven must be staffed 24 hours a day.

- 1. We need volunteers who are willing to do a 2 hour shift at least once a week. This includes checking in and checking out residents and visitors at Winter Haven.
- 2. We need donations of food and supplies. What is needed will always be posted on our social media pages as needs arise.
- 3. We need businesses that would be willing to have a donation bin for clothing or donation jar for money to help run the camp.
- 4. We need case workers and organizations to help residents find housing and get them the help and services they need.

### To volunteer, Please Visit:

https://homesnow.org/volunteer



## **About HomesNOW!**



- 1. Homes NOW! is 100% funded by donations and run by volunteers with the goal of building homes and shelter, providing food, public awareness events, and gear/clothing drives to provide vital services to the homeless as efficiently as possible.
- 2. We are committed to keeping administrative costs at no more than 5% of operating expenses. That means that 95% goes to helping the homeless directly.
- 3. If you want to help turn this into a reality, we need your help through your donations of money/time/labor/materials/skills/supplies.

  Also, please consider that we are a 501c3

  Non-Profit Organization. Your donations are tax deductible.

## To Donate, please visit:

https://homesnow.org/donate



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Winter Haven is a temporary safe camping site for the local homeless community located in the parking lot of Bellingham City Hall.

The project will begin around December 2018/January 2019 and will last until March/April of 2019.

The site will consist of 20 tents that will be either single or double occupancy. Winter Haven will be a drug and alcohol-free camp.

The purpose of Winter Haven is to provide a safe camping spot for homeless individuals with the goal of getting them the help and support they need.

### **A Dream Becoming Reality**



Jim Peterson, formerly homeless for 17 years, had a dream since 1993 to start solving homelessness, one person at a time.

Jim never gave up on that dream. Jim Peterson and Doug Gustafson started HomesNOW! to finally implement that dream.

The HomesNOW! Plan is simple, Housing First, then link homeless individuals up with support services such as mental counseling, job training, and drug/alcohol treatment as needed.

IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE!

## **Prioritizing Health and Safety**



Winter Haven will provide temporary shelter for around 90 days for about 30 homeless individuals. A number of measures are taken in order to ensure the health and safety of the residents and the overall community.

- 1. Winter Haven will be DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE. This is done to create a stable and safe environment for residents to recover and get out of homelessness.
- 2. Winter Haven will be under 24/7 surveillance. This is done to protect the residents as well as provide transparency to the community. A live feed is available at: https://homesnow.org/live-feed
- 3. HomesNOW also has a code of conduct for all residents and visitors, ensuring that there are standards and rules in place to protect the residents as well as alleviate community concerns.

  Our full handbook is at:

https://homesnow.org/handbook

4. HomesNOW will be linking residents up with support services and case management as needed in order to help them out of homelessness faster.

#### HomesNOW! - Track Record



HomesNOW! is new but we've already seen some of our first successes.

In less than a month we were able to build two homes and house 8 people who were previously homeless with 100% volunteer labor.

This was done by working with groups such as Stepping Stones on Lummi Nation to handle the Support Services.

HomesNOW! also initiated a Sleep Out on the grounds of City Hall for 18 days. This was to raise awareness of the urgent crisis of homelessness in Bellingham. We served over 50 members of the homeless community during "Stop The Sweeps" in December of 2017.

