

HUNDRED NIGHTS

HUNDRED NIGHTS INC • COLD WEATHER SHELTER • OPEN DOORS RESOURCE CENTER • BE WELL CLINIC

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

I am writing to you today with a plea for financial support. This 7th season of providing shelter to the homeless has been the busiest Shelter Season on record here at Hundred Nights Inc.

The current shelter season opened on Thanksgiving, 2015, with between 15 and 20 people a night seeking shelter. It was primarily an older, quieter group of guests who, for the most part, spent their working lives in jobs paying lower-end wages. In the last couple of years they were laid off or had their jobs eliminated after reaching the age of 50. If there were any savings they didn't last long, and finding a replacement job has been tough for most of these folks.

By Christmas the need for an overflow shelter site was glaring, as 34-38 people tried to check into 26 beds each night. The United Church of Christ, who generously offered the use of their dining room as an overflow site, has been utilized 78 nights out of 142 this shelter season. The congregation also provided an overnight awake volunteer to work with a paid staff member from Hundred Nights each of those nights. We had only planned for 40 nights of overflow shelter, based on last year's numbers, so this has significantly affected our budget.

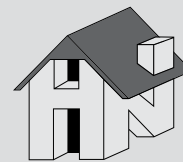
This season Hundred Nights has had more families in need of shelter for longer periods of time than ever before: a couple with 2 teen boys stayed here for a month, a couple with a young son stayed for a week, a single mom with a toddler stayed for several nights. For almost seven weeks a family of four with 2 young daughters stayed at the overflow shelter every night because there was no room anywhere else. In past seasons if Hundred Nights sheltered a family it was typically for a night or two at most, as they were able to move into a family shelter relatively quickly. This year the SCS Family Shelter has been filled to capacity.

In addition to higher than anticipated labor costs, Hundred Nights has experienced an increase in the amount of rent due each month, liability insurance premiums and utilities. We need your help! As the Executive Director here at Hundred Nights, I have tried very hard to only ask for special assistance when it is most needed. I hope that you will call me if you have any questions at all about our financial or other situations, and that you will please consider our request for financial support at this time.

Sincerely,

Mindy Cambiar

Executive Director
Hundred Nights Inc.
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Hundred Nights, Inc. is to provide shelter and crisis related services to the displaced or homeless. Our goal is to support the invisible members of our society who deserve dignity and a voice that is heard; through community, collaboration and guidance.

Facts About the Biggest Ever Cold Weather Shelter Season

1. Overnight shelter was provided between November 26, 2015 and April 15, 2016. 163 different individuals received 3,873 bed-nights of shelter during this time - 865 more bed-nights of shelter than the previous season!
 - 112 of the shelter guests were male, 51 were female
 - 6, or 4%, were under the age of 18
 - 24, or 15%, were between the ages of 18 and 24
 - 72, or 45%, were between the ages of 25 and 40
 - 60, or 36%, were over the age of 41
 - 12 guests were veterans
 - 145 of our guests, or 89%, had an income of less than \$10,000 annually
2. A "Healthy Feet Program" for our shelter guests was offered one night a week, thanks to the wonderful donations received of warm socks, medicated foot powder, Epsom salts for foot soaks and winter footwear. We had a wonderful volunteer, an RN, who was in charge of the foot soaks, massages, bandaging and nail care. She was a very popular volunteer! 40 of our guests made use of this vitally important service 124 times over the course of the season. And, 786 pairs of socks were distributed!
3. Many hundreds of items such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, razors, shaving cream, coats, hats, scarves, gloves, jeans, shirts, hoodies and boots that were donated by this very generous community were then distributed to benefit the Shelter guests.
4. Staff assistance was provided to fill in applications for new services. As a result 4 people received food stamps, 3 were signed up for Medicaid, 2 received a Safe-Link phone, 6 have moved into permanent housing, and many dozens of people were referred to available services at other agencies.
5. Over 75 people volunteered at the Cold Weather Shelter this last winter: doing Intake in 3 - 4 hour shifts, staying awake overnight 8 -10 hours a night, doing endless laundry and cleaning – Total Shelter Volunteer hours this season = 4,255!

To save a life is a real and beautiful thing. To make a home for the homeless, yes, it is a thing that must be good; whatever the world may say, it cannot be wrong. - Vincent Van Gogh

RESOURCE CENTER INFORMATION

January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

1. At the Open Doors Resource Center 527 unique individuals visited the Center 11,763 times - 335 guests were male, 192 were female, 17 were under age 18 and 18 were veterans.
2. Assistance was provided to fill in applications for new services. As a result 6 people received food stamps, 4 signed up for Medicaid, 5 received Safe-Link phones, 9 received Birth Certificates, 4 received duplicate social security cards, 16 received new ID's from the DMV, and 88 referrals were made to other agencies
3. Hundreds of personal care and clothing items were distributed
 - 17 tents and 25 sleeping bags were distributed
 - 54 free haircuts were provided by a local barber
 - An average of 2 loads of laundry were done each day for guests
 - Over 4,500 weekday lunches and weekend and Holiday dinners were prepared and served
 - Total Volunteer Hours for RC Programs and dinners = 3,240



VENDORS WANTED

This is an event centered around children. We will have many types of vehicles that the children can climb in and touch, a Bounce House and Carnival Game Area, Kona Ice, Scavenger Hunt (which will bring parents and children to your booths), Classic Cars, Craft Vendors, Direct Sales Vendors, Information Booths, Young Entrepreneurs Booths, a Bake Sale, Fill a Car with non-perishable food items for The Community Kitchen and much more.

When: June 25, 2016

Where: Market Basket, Keene Road (Rt 10), Swanzey, NH

Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Vendor setup starts at 7:00 am ALL vendors must be set up and be ready for the gate to open at 9 am sharp!

Fee: 10'x10' space, \$25.00 if application and fee is post marked by May 1, 2016 after May 1, 2016 the fee will be \$35.00 No refunds will be granted on cancellations.

*NO ELECTRICITY is available! Vendors CANNOT sell any food items!
Vendors must supply your own tables, linens, displays and tents.*

VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM

Please return this portion with your fees to: Hundred Nights Inc, Attention: Tammy Barrett, PO Box 833, Keene, NH 03431

If you any questions please email me at barretts2013@yahoo.com or call my cell 603-209-3824.

Name of Business: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone Number: _____

Description of Craft: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Extension: _____

Business Email: _____

Please check which of the following you are: Homemade Crafter _____ Business _____

Brief description of your table: _____



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SEVERAL WAYS YOU CAN HELP HUNDRED NIGHTS!

- Volunteers and vendors needed for the Annual Touch a Truck event to benefit HN! June 25, 2016 at the Market Basket Parking Lot! Vendor form inside!
- Join us at the Annual Triathlon, July 16, 2016 - be a course marshal, work registration or hand out water and raise \$\$ for HN Inc! Different shifts available between 6 am and 1 pm – help, have fun and get some lunch too!
- We need someone to help with running errands on Mondays or Fridays for an hour or two each week!
- Weekend dinner numbers have spiked – can you make and bring in a casserole or some kind of salad to add to the dinner fixings? We would really appreciate the help!
- Please email mcambiar@hundrednightsinc.org or call Mindy at 352-5197 to talk about possibilities!



AFTERNOON PROGRAMS AT HUNDRED NIGHTS

Now that the Winter Shelter Season is almost over, Afternoon Programs will start up again in the Resource Center. Our goal is to bring in many different kinds of activities to see what our guests could benefit from. We are looking for volunteers who have time and a skill to share? Resume writing? Chess? Cribbage? Landscaping? Woodworking? Anger management? Bicycle repair? Creative Writing? We hope to fill weekday hours between 1 and 2:30 pm. All ideas welcome!