



HUNDRED NIGHTS INC.

Reaching for the Warmth of Home

Cold Weather Shelter & Open Doors Resource Center

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Dear

I was looking out the window of Hundred Nights at the snow coming down, when I saw an older man trudging along the street toward me. He looked cold, but even more noticeable was the dejected expression on his face. It was as if he **didn't have a friend in the world.**

Knowing that Hundred Nights provides a safe space for people from all walks of life that find themselves at risk of becoming homeless or who have already hit rock-bottom, I wasn't surprised when he walked in our door. One of our volunteers greeted him cheerily and asked how we could help. It was clear he didn't know where to begin.

Our new friend had been a successful businessman, taking care of his wife and his home and contributing to his community. But then his wife got cancer, taking most of their savings to pay for hospital bills before she passed away. He became depressed after her death, and found it harder and harder to keep up with his business. Any income other than Social Security became scarcer and finally stopped when he had to close his small store. It wasn't long before he realized that he would lose his home, too, if he didn't get help.

That's when he came to **Hundred Nights**. While the end of this story has yet to play out, we know we can help him to stabilize his life again – connecting him to counseling for his depression, helping him look for work, both for income and a sense of purpose, and most importantly – helping him to know that there are people in our community who care. That's what Hundred Nights is about – **giving hope to those who have just about run out of it.**

While we are best-known for our overnight cold-weather shelter, what we do best is lend a helping hand when someone needs it the most. And that's where you come in. Through a gift to Hundred Nights, **you can help our friends and neighbors to get back on their feet.**

A gift of \$1,000 can help keep the shelter open longer, when New England weather doesn't limit its cold to just 100 winter nights. A gift of \$500 can help provide people in the community with resume-building, job search skills and clothing that is clean and presentable for interviews. A gift of \$250 can pay for weekday lunches and weekend dinners for a family staying at the shelter because they have lost their home, and a gift of \$100 can buy backpacks and school supplies for the children of that family, when school starts and they realize they have lost everything.



Your generosity in this coldest part of the year can give hope to people of all ages (our friend, above, is 71 years old, and the youngest guest of the shelter was born there earlier this fall). **Please consider giving generously**, so that everyone in our community has a place where they can safely go and receive a warm welcome and a roof over their heads while they rebuild their lives. Thank you, and may you enjoy a warm holiday season.

Mindy Cambiar

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Executive Director

P. S. **We all reach for the warmth of home.** Help the children, men and women among us who can't do that by themselves. Show them that there is hope for the future, and a safe and welcoming place where they can get help in the meantime. Thank you for your gift today.



The mission of Hundred Nights, Inc. is to provide shelter and crisis related services to the displaced or homeless. Our goal is to collaborate with and enable the community to see, hear and support those among us who are equally deserving of dignity but who currently lack the means to live independently. Our vision is a community whose members, regardless of means, are equally valued and supported.