



# HUNDRED NIGHTS INC.

*Reaching for the Warmth of Home*

**Cold Weather Shelter & Open Doors Resource Center**

P.O. Box 833

17 Lamson Street

Keene, NH 03431

(603) 352-5197

[www.hundrednightsinc.org](http://www.hundrednightsinc.org)

Tax ID: 45-2798171

<<Addressee 1>>

<<Addressee 2>>

<<Address Line 1>>

<<Address Line 2>>

<<Pref. City>>, <<Pref. State/Province>> <<Pref. ZIP/Postal Code>>

Summer 2019

Dear <<Salutation>>,

Imagine that you're in your 60s and you need surgery. You've had a host of health problems over the years, but this time the doctors need to remove a blockage in your heart to restore proper blood flow to your brain. Surgery could drastically reduce the risk of a stroke.

It's pretty serious, and afterward you'll need time to recover. You'll feel more tired than usual during the day and should rest often. Nurses might need to come check on you. All of this would be a lot for anyone to handle — but what if you don't have somewhere to recover after the surgery? What if you don't have a home where you can rest as needed and care for your body?

For one man, Cope, this "what-if" scenario was a reality. He underwent surgery this past June, and, in his own words, Hundred Nights saved his life. On April 24, the now year-round emergency shelter closed all but 16 beds, and Cope was one of the few people allowed to stay because turning them away could have had dire consequences.



Transportation volunteers gave him a ride to St. Joseph's Hospital in Nashua for his surgery and brought him back afterward. Hundred Nights let him sleep during the day and invited his visiting nurses to come upstairs to help him recover.

Cope's story is just one of many where Hundred Nights was there for people who had no other place to turn: a single mother of four, a veteran with alcoholism, a couple with a newborn baby, a man struggling with mental illness, an elderly woman whose basement flooded and her savings dried up.

"It could happen to anyone" is an adage that can be difficult to grasp from the comfort of your home, far removed from these "what-ifs." But all it takes is a lay-off, a natural disaster, a medical emergency to turn a hypothetical into a tragic reality.

For some people, it's a lifelong personal battle with addiction, disability or mental illness that's accompanied by a constant struggle to gain a sense of "normalcy" others might find with ease: go to work, pay rent, repeat. For others, it's one emergency or trauma too many.

For men, women and children in each situation, whether it's a sudden or lifelong experience with homelessness, Hundred Nights serves as a beacon in the night – a hopeful stepping stone toward a stable life, not a last stop. Along with offering hot meals and a place to commune, the resource center helps people draft resumes, prep for job interviews, apply for housing and connect with other agencies.

Your gifts enable every individual in need to find shelter through Hundred Nights. Your donations keep people sheltered during the hottest and coldest nights, provide resources to get identification cards and feed families. Every gift makes a difference, and in some cases, saves a life.

Even as we enjoy the warmth of summer, remember that those without a home need our help no matter the time of year. For people like Cope, knowing that your generosity makes it possible for them to get back on their feet makes all the difference. Please give today so we can continue to be there when someone needs our help. Thank you.

Best regards,



Mindy Cambiar  
Executive Director

PS: As we know from our own experience, having a roof over do part of the year. The need for Hundred Nights is year-round. Please give as generously as you can, so we can help every family and individual in need.