



HUNDRED NIGHTS INC.

Reaching for the Warmth of Home

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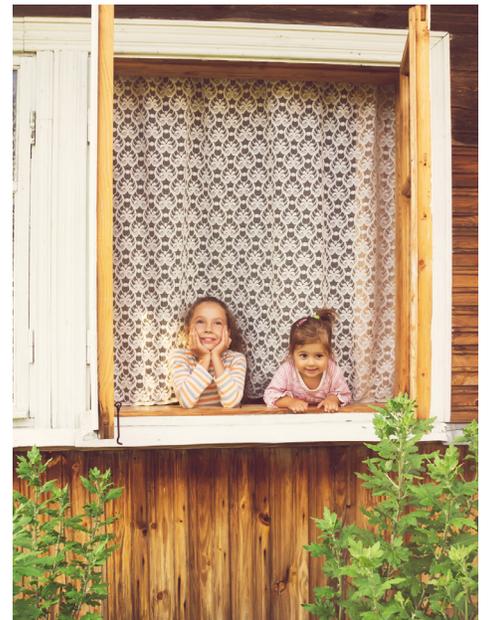
"Summertime, and the livin' is easy..." A lovely song from Gershwin that fills us with reflections of warm, pleasant summer days. And for most of us, despite the recent changes and disruptions to our sense of well-being and normalcy, the living is still comparatively easy.

But not for everyone.

For an increasing number of children, women and men, difficult times have gotten even more painful – loss of jobs, social isolation, death of loved ones and, for many, the loss of their homes. We tend to be most concerned for the homeless when it's really cold out, but the reality is that people who have **been our neighbors and colleagues** are, in fact, "those people" – and their world is no less harsh in the summertime than it is in the winter. They are trying to survive "living rough", sleeping on the streets, trying to find food, hoping they can do something to help their kids. It was always hard, but these days, the challenge is even greater:

- Day after day of high heat and humidity – potentially life-threatening to someone with health issues or who lacks access to clean drinking water
- Libraries and other places of respite closed or having to greatly limit the number of people who can be inside
- People with compromised health (which is a majority of the homeless) afraid to get near others because they know they are at a very high-risk level
- State agencies and other social service organizations severely limited as to what they can do because the virus has resulted in their being overwhelmed and understaffed
- People who have, in better times, been able to help make gifts to organizations like Hundred Nights now have no job or reduced income

Despite all of this hardship, though, we have **incredibly good news** to share with you. For **54 people**, this summer is bringing living that is definitely easier, if not downright easy. Over the past 12 months, Hundred Nights, working with other organizations in the region, has been able to place 54 people in stable housing! It took a lot of staff time, helping to manage each person's situation and helping them navigate the systems throughout the community, but every one of those people now has a home! **Woo Hoo!**



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.