



January Newsletter

16 years ago, I came to the Shelter out of an overwhelming concern for those most in need. Since then, I have had the amazing privilege of creating opportunities for our clients while being inspired by hundreds of people who have shared my passion for those who are often the hardest to love.

During the past three years, the winds of change have presented new challenges, yet through a pandemic and then leadership changes, the Shelter has shown its strength, commitment and resiliency. This resiliency is illustrated night after night after night, as we continue to provide ever more care, compassion, dignity and hope to our clients.

I am looking forward to this new chapter in my relationship with the Shelter, the opportunity to get to know you all better, and most importantly continue to bring much needed relief to those whose bad luck and misfortune has brought to our streets.

With humility and deep appreciation--Mike

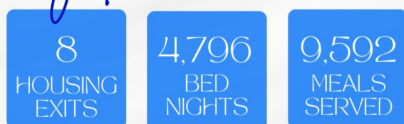
A Few Words from Interim CEO, Mike Block



DECEMBER



by the numbers



December by the Numbers

We've been crunching the numbers and here's a breakdown of some of our Shelter statistics:

- We had 8 housing exits! A housing exit is a happy ending here at the Shelter. This means our team housed 1 person every 3.5 days in December!
- We had 4,796 bed nights. Bed nights is the total number of individuals who slept at the Shelter each night. We averaged 155 clients per night this past month.
- We served 9,592 meals. Our amazing kitchen staff and volunteers made sure that each client had breakfast and dinner during their stays at the Shelter.

Let's Go Buffs!

This year the University of Colorado's Women's Basketball

Team has been participating in the [Scout & Scavenge Program!](#)

On their away trips, the players and staff are collecting toiletries to donate to the clients here at the Boulder Shelter. They stopped by to drop off the toiletries they've collected so far, with their Director of Player Development, and former Buff, Shelley Sheetz.

We wish them good luck with the rest of their [season](#) and thank them for supporting our work here at the Boulder Shelter!



**BLUEBIRD APARTMENTS
COMING JANUARY 2024!**



**KURT FIRNHABER, DIRECTOR OF
HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES AT
THE CITY OF BOULDER AND
CATHERINE BEAN OF ELEMENT
PROPERTIES**

Bluebird Apartments Ground Breaking

We are so incredibly excited to announce that Friday, January 6th was the ground breaking celebration of a four year journey to build permanent supportive housing for our most vulnerable neighbors here in Boulder!

Bluebird will immediately provide housing and wrap around services grounded in a trauma-informed design (TID) for 40 residents of Boulder who are currently experiencing homelessness. Bluebird will be the second non-age-restricted, [permanent supportive housing](#) development in Boulder for individuals and households exiting homelessness with multiple barriers to housing stability.

Thank you to our incredible partners at [Element Properties](#), the City of Boulder, Boulder County, and the Colorado Department of Local Affairs.

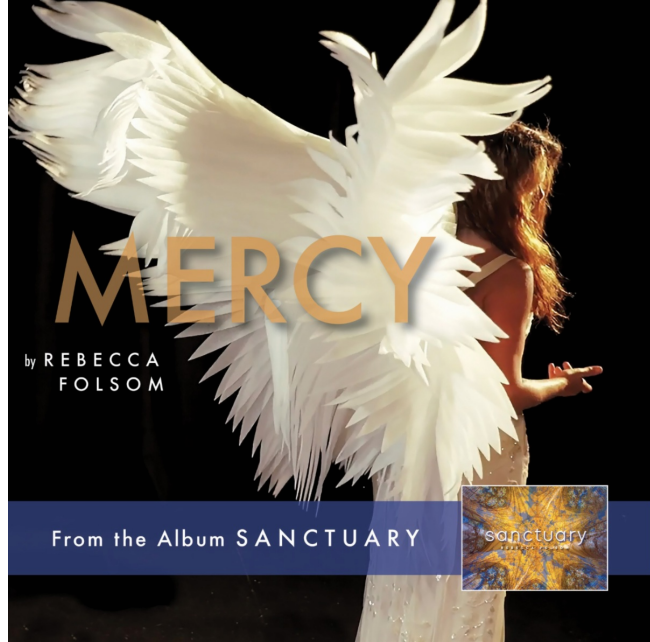
Rebecca Folsom's New Single, Mercy

Rebecca Folsom's, Mercy, is now on all streaming platforms!

This song was born out of listening to the stories of people she encountered at the Shelter. Furthermore, her own and her sister's stories helped weave the song together.

This single is from the upcoming album, Sanctuary. The Sanctuary project is a combination of community outreach programs for marginalized groups and individuals and a recorded album of songs written with and inspired by these individuals and communities.

Follow the link to the music video on [Youtube!](#)



SUPPORT THE SHELTER - DONATE TODAY!



Does your employer offer gift matching programs where you can deduct directly from your paycheck? Many programs, like Benevity allow individuals to double or triple their donations. Employees can make one-time donations or set up recurring donations from their payroll in minutes.

To learn more about Benevity and how it works, check out their website [here](#).



Did you know that through the King Soopers Community Rewards program you can donate to the Shelter every time you shop at King Soopers? This program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day.

To learn more about King Soopers Community Rewards and how it works, check out their website [here](#).



There is a new Colorado Tax Credit program for donors to homeless services agencies. The Homeless Contribution Tax Credit (HCTC) will replace the Enterprise Zone Tax Credit (EZ) Program.

To learn more about HCTC and how it works, check out their website [here](#).

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