

# Boulder Shelter for the Homeless

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## Imagine a Shelter...

**For a moment, imagine you're creating a homeless shelter. What do you want it to do? Let's see...**

**Welcome as many people as possible.**

Yep, that's a good start! For our part, we have a low-barrier shelter, which means that everybody who wants to can come. There are no restrictions in terms of religion, sobriety, employment, ethnicity, or gender – all you need to do is sign up with Coordinated Entry -- so we can qualify for government funding, and make sure we offer you the support that will help you. (You can accept those services or not.) And during critical weather, we add additional shelter spots and rent supplemental hotel rooms to make sure that we serve as many folks as possible.

**Provide residents the services they need.**

That's a good one, too. We provide good food, laundry, showers and toiletries, access to medical care and mental healthcare, substance abuse assistance, ID's, prescription medications and pharmacy services (a recent innovation), and a few other services. And most of all, we provide the one thing our residents – by a large margin – say they want the most: access to their own housing.

Sadly, one thing we do not provide is a place for pets, apart from qualified service animals, to stay. We love pets, we have pets, and in the past, we tried to board pets on our property. That became way too hard for us to manage, and now we rely on a partnership with the Humane Society to provide residents' pets a place to stay.

### **Treat everyone well, with compassion and respect.**

Another check mark – our staff are selected and trained for just those qualities. Some of them even have lived experience of homelessness. And in our annual resident surveys, the residents overwhelmingly respond that they are treated with respect here.

### **Make people feel safe.**

That's another big consideration. We often have residents report that they come to us because they don't feel safe on the street, or in some other shelter. Over our 40 years of experience, we have developed considerable expertise in adjusting our rules to protect residents' safety while allowing for their individual circumstances and behaviors. We don't have many rules – most notably we don't allow any acts of violence, threats, or hate speech – and our residents generally realize that they are a part of each other's lives while they are here. But things do happen, and in the rare circumstances when a resident can't follow our safety rules, we talk about what happened at a staff meeting and determine a proportionate "time out" from staying with us.

### **Provide people with the support they need to exit homelessness.**

*"Thanks for coming, and we want to help you leave."* That might sound strange to someone unfamiliar with our work, but everything we do at the Shelter is done with an eye to helping our clients move into their own stable housing. Whether through case management, permanent supportive housing, family reunification, navigation, or one of our other programs – we do everything we can to get people housed, because it's right, because it's just, because it's compassionate and because it works.

**So, does the shelter you'd imagine look something like the real-life one that is the product of our hopes, worries, and labor?**

**We'd like to imagine it does.**



[Visit our Website to Learn More](#)

# Our March Shelter Results

- **In March the Shelter helped 22 people exit homelessness**
- 11 people exited into permanent housing and 11 exited through Coordinated Entry.
- When people exit through Coordinated Entry, they may be reunified with family or support systems, or they may receive short-term rental assistance, help with landlord communication, legal, and other assistance.
- This helps keep people from entering long-term homelessness. In effect, we're stopping homelessness before it starts.



- **We served 8,568 meals.**
- Our amazing kitchen staff and volunteers made sure that each client had breakfast and dinner during their stays at the Shelter.
- **We had 4,608 bed nights.**
- Bed nights is the total number of occupied beds for the month. ***This means a nightly average of 149 people who weren't sleeping in Boulder parks, paths, or encampments.***

## Shelter Benefit Concert at Boulder Theater!

Tyler Adams



Chris Malley



Jesse Garland



Paul McDaniel



David Williard



Brian McRae

## Save The Date!

Saturday June 17 - Boulder Theater-

Doors Open 7:30 PM  
Show Starts at 8:00 pm

Can't Attend?  
You can scan to  
Donate!

## Benefit Concert for the Boulder Shelter

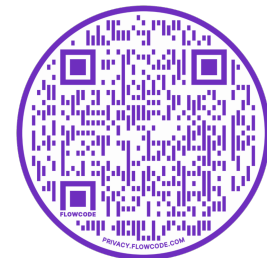
This is Your Official Invite!

*Be a part of implementing innovative,  
effective solutions to homelessness in  
Boulder!*

We're asking Shelter supporters, music lovers, and the entire community to come together to support the Boulder Shelter in our mission to create real solutions to homelessness in Boulder County!

**Admission Is Free!**

Some of Colorado's best professional musicians



Let us know  
you're coming  
and leave a  
message for  
other attendees!  
Scan Here

will grace the stage with timeless pop and classic rock hits from Elton John, David Bowie, Foo Fighters, along with Latin-inspired original pieces!

We are deeply grateful to David Williard who is hosting this event to celebrate his 50th Birthday and generously give the gift of all proceeds going to directly to the Shelter!



***As Always, Thank You for Your Generous Support!***



**Visit The Website Event Page**

## Happy Earth Day! - April 22, 2023

**Many homeless facilities are re-purposed old churches or schools...**

Long-time supporters know that our Shelter, which opened in 2003, was purpose-built from the ground up to provide a clean, healthy, dignified facility for up to 160 people per night, and bonus: It's also Leed Compliant!

Innovations and green features include a geo-exchange heating and cooling system, solar power, high efficiency lighting and plumbing fixtures, xeric landscaping and drip irrigation, and recycled / repurposed furnishings.

Thank you to the many of you who donated to help us build a first-rate shelter for the least fortunate in our community, while also respecting the environment!



*Earth Day 2023*

**Did You Know?**

The Boulder Shelter Facility is a Leed Compliant Green Building?



Today, we continue to innovate by finding every possible means to help people avoid homelessness, or exit it as quickly as possible.

Our compassionate staff and case managers have unique expertise that creates real solutions to homelessness in Boulder. Learn more about our current programs on our website.

**See Our Programs!**

**Thank You for Your Support!**

**The Boulder Shelter began as a grassroots community effort to address homelessness in our community.**

We are ever-mindful and grateful for the ongoing support of our community, *and the active involvement by our volunteers and donors.* We make a meaningful difference every day and we-literally-could-not-do-it-without-you!

***Visit Our Website to Volunteer or Donate***

**Donate**



**Volunteer**

## Is There Anything else I Can do to Help?



### **We Are So Grateful to Our Mystery Donor!**

We put out word that we needed eggs for our clients' hot breakfast, and a kind soul responded by strolling into the Shelter with a donation of 36 dozen eggs!

That made a hot breakfast for 160, plus an extra hundred we could hard boil to add to a nutritious dish for dinner!

♥ **Thank you for your "eggseptional" support!**

If you'd like to donate food to the shelter get the details



### **Sign Up for King Soopers Community Rewards**

This program makes giving easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day.

Once you link your Card to the Boulder Shelter, all you have to do is shop at King Soopers and swipe your Shopper's Card.

**Make a donation with every purchase at no cost to you!**

[Learn more](#)



**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](#).

on how to do it [here](#).

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