



Hospitality House Utah's Place

Because everyone deserves a safe place to be

In 2013 Nevada County schools identified 160 homeless students



We are each on a journey in this life. For some, this journey is wrought with hardship and people find themselves without even the basic necessities, including food and shelter.

In 2004 a group of concerned citizens responded to unmet needs in Nevada County:

- ▶ The need for shelter
- ▶ The need for a place where homeless people could find nourishment, healing, and a pathway back to housing

Poverty, Homelessness, and Housing Cause and Effect

According to data obtained from the City of Grass Valley Housing Element and the 2012 Census Bureau report, the following applies to our community:

- ▶ 21.9% (2802) of the residents in the City of Grass Valley live below the Federal Poverty Level. For one person this is \$972.50 per month.
- ▶ 11.6% (11,670) of the residents in the County of Nevada live below the Federal Poverty Level.
- ▶ In Grass Valley approximately 30% of the 2802 individuals living below the Federal Poverty Level are in families.
- ▶ Grass Valley has a rental vacancy rate of only 1%.
- ▶ The Grass Valley Housing Element plan reports 783 low-income/affordable housing units in Grass Valley (all have waiting lists of 2 months to 2 years).
- ▶ 57% of low-income households identified in Grass Valley had a cost burden of 50% or more for housing, creating a high-risk housing situation.

Hospitality House Helps Create a Healthy Community

- ▶ Cuts law enforcement and fire protection costs
- ▶ Reduces costly hospital visits
- ▶ Lowers number of people brought into the court system
- ▶ Lessens number of homeless people on the streets
- ▶ Provides families with stability, safety and nutrition

Hospitality House Is a 54-Bed Emergency Shelter and Pathways to Housing and Wellness Program

Our Services Include:

- ▶ Outreach Case Management
- ▶ Emergency Shelter, Meals, Laundry Machines, Hygiene Products
- ▶ Pathways to Housing and Wellness Workshops
- ▶ *Hospitality House Serves* Culinary Job Training Program
- ▶ Free Medical Care
- ▶ Vegetable Garden

Outreach Case Management

- ▶ Homeless Outreach Program case managers go to where unsheltered homeless people are in Nevada County and attempt to build connections and trust with the goal of helping them connect to needed services.
- ▶ In 2013 outreach case managers made 2700 contacts with unsheltered homeless people.



Hospitality House Is Committed to Ending Homelessness in Nevada County

- ▶ We've assisted close to 200 people into permanent housing since 2013 and provided over \$40,000 in financial assistance to help with rent and security deposits.
- ▶ We continue to provide case management for up to two years to clients after they are housed.



Emergency Shelter

- ▶ Hospitality House serves Nevada County homeless residents. Our staff and volunteers are committed to ensuring that Utah's Place is a safe, healthy, healing environment for everyone.
- ▶ In 2013 we provided over 15,000 nights of shelter.



Daily Guest Check-In

- ▶ Daily check-in is between 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- ▶ Guests will not be admitted after 5:30 p.m.
- ▶ Daily House Meeting is at 5:30 p.m.



We Promote a Sober Environment

- ▶ Guests are given an alcohol breath test each day upon check-in.
- ▶ No drugs or alcohol are allowed on the premises.



We Have a Mutual Respect Agreement

A safe and calming environment is a priority at Utah's Place. All of our guests agree to follow a set of rules designed with this in mind.

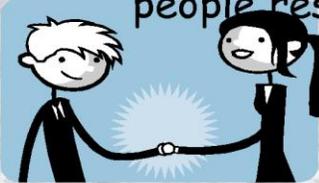
Guests also help us keep Utah's Place clean. Each guest is assigned a daily chore and often volunteer for other tasks as needed.

Mutual Respect

Everybody has a right to express their opinions and to have those opinions heard.



This can only be achieved if people respect each other.



Aggressive, abusive behaviour will not be tolerated.



 You will be asked to leave the premises.

We Are Good Neighbors

- ▶ Guests agree they will not stay in the vicinity of the shelter at any time unless they have a valid purpose for doing so.
- ▶ Guests will not park their vehicles on the street near the shelter for longer than 72 hours as allowed by law.
- ▶ Hospitality House expects all guests to be respectful of shelter neighbors. This includes staying off private property and keeping noise down to an acceptable level.



We Give Back to Our Community

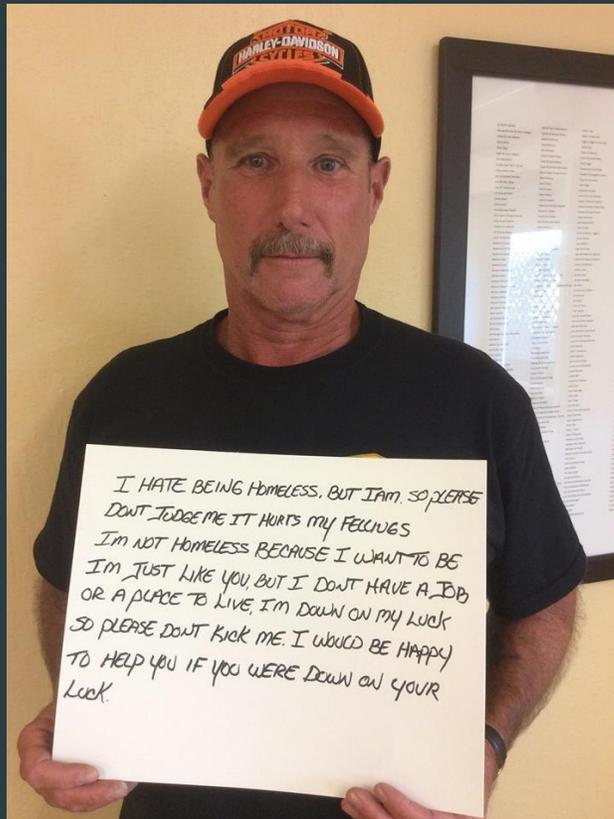


Many of our guests need healing - not just from the experiences that brought them to homelessness, but also from the experience of being homeless itself. We provide the following activities as part of our Pathways to Housing and Wellness program.



One Journey

Homelessness Hurts



Housing Heals

Moved into permanent housing September 2014



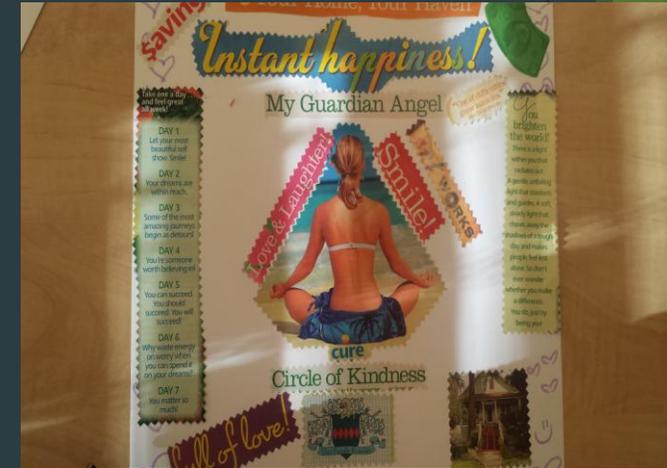
Free Weekly Mobile Medical Clinic

- ▶ Western Sierra Medical Center provides a free weekly clinic each Wednesday evening starting at 6:00 p.m.
- ▶ Follow-up care is provided as needed.
- ▶ On-site TB testing is provided.



Hope and Healing Workshop

- ▶ A Hope and Healing Workshop held every Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. Guest attendance is required.



Guitar Lessons

- ▶ Guitar lessons every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. We provide guitars for use during lessons.
- ▶ Beginners are welcome.



Yoga for Stress Reduction

- ▶ Yoga for stress reduction classes every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.
- ▶ Beginners are welcome.



Culinary Job Training

Training for employment in the following areas:

- ▶ Food Service Worker
- ▶ Catering Assistant
- ▶ Pastry Chef Assistant
- ▶ Chef Assistant



Arts and Crafts

- ▶ Art transforms lives, feeds the soul, and heals.
- ▶ Workshop held every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.



Vegetable Garden

- ▶ We grow our own vegetables.
- ▶ Hospitality House guests tend to our garden.



Pathways to Housing Academy

- ▶ Completing a Rental Application
- ▶ Household Budgeting
- ▶ Credit Repair
- ▶ Good Housekeeping
- ▶ Being a Good Tenant
- ▶ Required workshop for housing clients receiving financial assistance



Job-Readiness Workshop

- ▶ Planning Your Job Search
- ▶ Resume and Cover Letters
- ▶ Job Applications
- ▶ Internet Job Search
- ▶ Making a Good First Impression
- ▶ Acing the Interview
- ▶ Basic Computer Skills



Addiction Recovery Support Group

- ▶ Thursdays at 2:30 p.m.
- ▶ Fridays at 2:30 p.m.



- ▶ Sundays at 8:15 p.m. *Meditation with a recovery focus*

Guest Recreational Activities

- ▶ Special outings funded through guest fundraising efforts.
- ▶ Thursday evening jam session.
- ▶ Friday night movie.
- ▶ Girls' spa day.



We Provide Important Necessities

Hygiene Products



Interview-
Appropriate Clothing

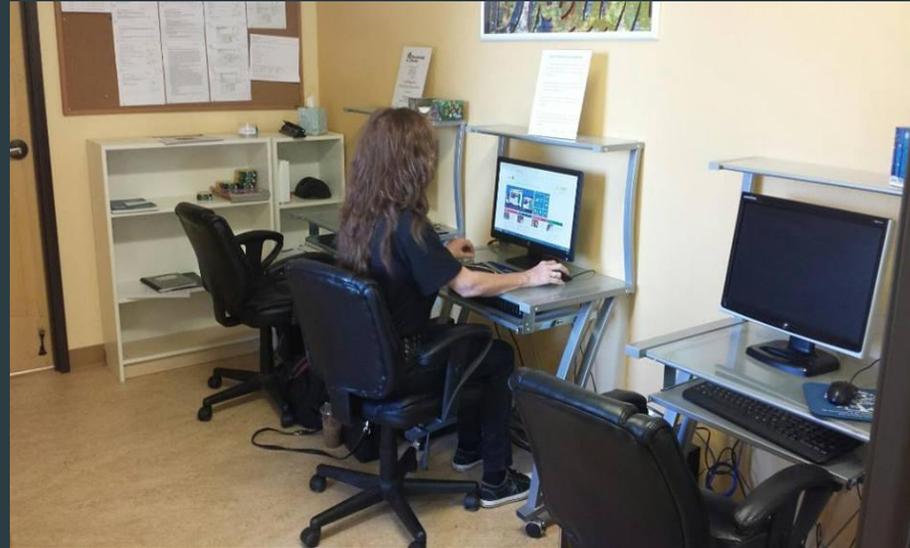


Laundry Machines



Pathways to Housing Room

- ▶ Pathways to Housing Room is available from 1:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.
- ▶ Guests may use this room for job searching and working on housing activities.



Meals

- ▶ Guests receive three nutritious meals a day.
- ▶ Meals are prepared by volunteers and our culinary students.



Transitions Day Makeovers

- ▶ Every six months we provide a special makeover day for our guests.



Social Security Benefits

- ▶ Case managers work closely with the Social Security Administration to help clients apply for benefits.



We Participate in the Nevada County Community Court

- ▶ Once a month an attorney from the Public Defenders office visits the shelter to help guests address outstanding warrants/tickets and to schedule appropriate candidates for Community Court.



Public Assistance Applications

- ▶ A county eligibility worker visits every Tuesday and Thursday at 4:00 p.m. to assist guests with public assistance applications. Appointments suggested.



Hospitality House Advocates for the Rights of Homeless People and for Affordable Housing



We Have Dedicated Volunteers

- ▶ In 2013 volunteers provided over 45,000 meals and over 20,000 volunteer hours. We could not provide the level of care and service we do without them.



We Have Great Fundraisers

Annual fundraisers:

- ▶ Empty Bowl
- ▶ The Long Walk
- ▶ Night of Giving



How You Can Help:

- ▶ Donate online at hhshelter.org.
- ▶ Give a monthly donation directly from your bank account, credit card or PayPal account.
- ▶ Mail in a check to **Hospitality House, 1262 Sutton Way, Grass Valley, CA 95945.**
- ▶ Prepare and serve a meal.
- ▶ Hire and train one of our guests at your business.
- ▶ Work as an assistant monitor.
- ▶ Volunteer at special events.
- ▶ Organize a fundraising event.

A Message From a Guest

“As a guest of the Hospitality House shelter, I would like to say that after recent heart surgery and a long stay in the hospital, I lost everything.

Hospitality House has given me some hope that things will be better soon. Since my stay here, I have seen the good that they have done for those in need.

We have current guests that have been school teachers for many years; guests who have worked with disabled children and many other professions who are simply having a difficult time in our current economy.

We are good people and we are responsible beings. Those of us here have asked for the help we need in order to move forward. I've seen people here that I did not think would move forward, but now they have a job, a home, and a life of substance, thanks to Hospitality House.

Hospitality House is a good place and a necessary public service that does a great job for those in need.

Please open your eyes and your hearts. You, too, could lose the life you had and may need a little help to begin again.”

They are not the other, they are us.

-Utah Phillips

Be kind, for everyone
you meet is fighting
a hard battle. -Plato

