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As the year is coming to a close and the weather is changing, we find ourselves waking up to chilly mornings, frost on the lawns and brisk, cold winds. We break out our sweaters and coats, turn up the thermostat and look for our umbrellas. The season has changed, but we are warm and dry in our homes with a cup of hot coffee or some hot soup to help chase away the chill.

For many, however, there is no warm place to get out of the cold and damp weather. For the unhoused, there is no thermostat to turn up and many do not have a warm sweater or jacket to help provide some comfort. This is a most difficult time of the year for many of these unhoused men, who have lost loved ones, families, self-respect and worst of all many have lost hope. This is the reason why the We Care Program can be so crucial for many at this time of the year.

We Care's Emergency Shelter remains open to welcome the unhoused men of our community by providing dinner, showers, a clean bed, and a warm safe place to spend the night. In addition to a warm clean bed, we offer coats and dry socks that generous members of our community have donated. The rebuilding of the kitchen is almost complete, and we are looking forward to being able to have a great new place to serve dinners to those who stay at the shelter. We are very grateful to those who helped make all this happen.

In June WCP was able to open a Day Use Navigation Center with a grant from the City of Turlock. The Navigation Center is a welcoming place for those looking for assistance with housing, replacing lost documents, finding resources available to them and a place to get out of the weather and be safe during the day.

Your financial support makes such a difference to WCP being able to continue to provide these vital services. We Care can't be the resource our community needs without your help. Please consider making your end-of-the-year donation to the We Care Program knowing that we will utilize your gift to the fullest. Our overhead costs are minimal as we direct all donations to those who need help the most. Your donation is tax deductible and is much appreciated.

We Care is so very thankful for your generous donations in the past. We sincerely hope that you will once again consider donating this year knowing that you are truly helping some of the most unfortunate of our community.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Maris Sturtevant
Executive Director



Program Statistics and Information

Emergency Shelter

Full year

- July 17, 2022 to June 30, 2023
- 330 Unduplicated men
- 13,038 occupied beds
- 25 Veterans

5-month period

- July 17, 2023 to Nov. 30, 2023
- 189 unduplicated
- 5,246 occupied shelter beds
- 11 Veterans

Housing Programs 7/1/22 to 6/30/23

Permanent Supportive Housing: 6 persons in 5 units

Affordable Housing Program: 13 persons (men women & children)

7/1/23 to 11/30/23

Permanent Supportive Housing: 8 persons in 7 Units

Affordable Housing Program: 13 (still same people)

Privately funded program: Housed 2 homeless people

Day Use Navigation Center

6/7/23 through 10/31/23

307 Unduplicated persons have visited the Center.

Participants comments:

“It means comfort in a bed/not the bench

It means getting clean in a shower/not the sprinkler

It means food regularly/not searching for a meal

The staff actually give a damn”

“I am so grateful to have a room to spend every night in this cold weather. Also for the dinner that they give me every night. I am also grateful for the clothes that they give me in this difficult time. I also thank you for the help you give me to move forward. Thank you for being such good people and giving all of us a hope of life.”

