

GOOD SAMARITAN HAVEN

A place where people are served with dignity, compassion, and respect in their time of need.

Good Samaritan Haven Seasonal Warming Shelter Update (Barre District)

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Sec. B.1101 FISCAL YEAR 2018 ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS BILL AS PASSED BY THE HOUSE AND SENATE H.518

(a) Department for Children and Families: The **sum of \$600,000 in general funds** is appropriated to the Department for Children and Families to be used to facilitate the development of **two seasonal warming shelters, one in the Rutland district office service area and one in the Barre district** office service area to be in place for the 2017-2018 heating season...

Shelter Capacity (77 total beds)

- **Existing Capacity (44 beds):** Good Samaritan Haven maintains its existing capacity including a thirty bed year-round shelter on Seminary Street in Barre. And a fourteen bed seasonal warming shelter at the Hedding United Methodist Church in Barre.
- **New Capacity (33 beds):** Good Samaritan Haven opened a twenty bed seasonal warming shelter at the Bethany Church in Montpelier; and is leasing three apartments from Washington County Mental Health with a thirteen bed capacity. An eight bed warming shelter at the Barre Congregational Church is still pending city approval.

Services Provided

- **Intake and Assessment:** Client intake and assessment are available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week
- **Meals & Basic Needs:** Dinner, showers, laundry, and other basic needs are provided to all guests. Transportation is provided between Barre and Montpelier daily.
- **Case Management & Support Services:** Good Samaritan Haven employees two full-time Housing Navigators, a half-time Mental Health Clinician, and Peer Support staff. The support team helps guests stabilize their housing crisis, obtain mainstream benefits, and provide case management and referral services.

Population Served (11/1/17-01/09/18)

- 98 unique individuals; adults over age 18
- Average of 50 guests each night across all facilities
Population: 44 mental health; 32 addiction; 25 chronic health condition; 13 physical disability
- 22 chronically homeless (more than one year with a disability)

\$122,000 in Leveraged Funding

Good Samaritan Haven is working with other community partners to leverage additional funding and in-kind contributions. The following funds have been secured:

- \$52,500 for Mental Health Clinician (Washington County Mental Health and PATH grant funding).
- \$10,000 for bathroom and laundry facility renovations (Montpelier Housing Authority and National Life Foundation)
- \$59,500 for day and intake services at Another Way.
- In-kind laundry service from Central Vermont Medical Center.
- In-kind donations will be leveraged from the broader community for food, toiletries, and other basic needs.