

Your Listing Matters Community Spotlight

Town & Country Realty is thrilled to support Unity Shelter, Corvallis Housing First, and the community members they serve.



Mens Shelter • SafePlace Room at the Inn





Estimates say that about 300 people – men, women and children – are without shelter in the mid-valley. Throughout Benton and Linn counties, homelessness remains a vexing problem requiring an array of solutions.

The Corvallis nonprofit organization Unity Shelter aims to provide some of those solutions. The organization focuses on providing low-barrier shelter and other services to people who are houseless. The goal is to provide safe shelter through collaborative care.

Three programs are united under the Unity Shelter banner:

- The Mens Shelter, in South Corvallis, which provides shelter and offers a food and hygiene center.
- SafePlace, which includes Safe Camp, on the property of the First Congregational United



Church of Christ in Corvallis. SafePlace facilities feature microshelters, structures about the size of a garden shed that are big enough to shelter an individual, a couple or a single parent with children. SafePlace includes microshelters at the Corvallis Evangelical Church, with other locations scheduled to open soon.

The Room at the Inn shelter for women, now located at the First United Methodist Church, a site which also includes four microshelters.

Many Unity Shelter clients benefit from case management, intended to connect them with the services they need to move into more permanent housing. Most of the people served by Unity Shelter have connections to the community; they might not have a house, but the mid-valley is their home.

Learn more about Unity Shelter, including how to donate and how to volunteer, at the website unityshelter.org.



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CORVALLIS HOUSING FIRST a roof over every head

Corvallis Housing First

Corvallis Housing First provides housing and support services to people who have experienced homelessness. They own and operate three facilities, including DeDe's Home for senior women who have experienced homelessness, Van Buren House, and Partners Place. Corvallis Housing First also recently purchased the former Budget Inn in South Corvallis, now called Third Street Commons, which is long-term emergency shelter being operated in partnership with Unity Shelter.





Corvallis Housing First case managers provide resident support

Staff provide case management and daily support to residents and clients in outreach services. Last year Corvallis Housing First served 46 people in our housing and less than 5% returned to homelessness. Third Street Commons, opened in May 2020, has served 40 individuals with long- and short-term shelter and supportive services. Corvallis Housing First prioritizes helping people to be stable in housing, selfsufficient, and improve their health and well-being. Their housing and services are low-barrier, meaning individuals aren't required to be sober or participating in treatment to get housing or services. Residents sign rental agreements which helps to improve their rental history and staff work in partnership with them set and achieve personal goals.

Homelessness is an overwhelming problem in Oregon, locally there are 150 people or more are in need of these services. Thanks to the generosity of our community, Corvallis Housing First has plans to expand our housing and services to meet these needs. Third Street Commons

Providing housing and support services to people who have experienced homelessness.



Representative Peter DeFazio visits Corvallis Housing First's Third Street Commons

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