

Resolution for Homeless Emergency Night Shelter

Whereas, the Fort Collins congregation of Community of Christ has provided a homeless day shelter for two years in conjunction with Catholic Charities; and

Whereas, there is now a need in the Fort Collins community to supplement the Homeless Night Shelters with an emergency overflow shelter; and

Whereas, the Leadership Council has unanimously passed a resolution to “go forward in exploring the process of providing our Activity Center for an emergency night shelter for the homeless” and that “the charge for using the Activity Center to be set at \$1200 per month; and

Whereas, negotiations have proceeded with a committee of representatives from Catholic Charities, Center for Hope, United Way, Red Cross, and Homeless Gear; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Fort Collins congregation enter into a contract with United Way as the fiscal agent and representative of the afore mentioned committee to provide our Activity Center as an emergency night shelter for the homeless from January 3, 2011, to March 31, 2011, at a fee of \$1200 per month.

Additional Information

- Catholic Charities will provide one professionally trained staff person, and they will recruit sufficient volunteers to always have a minimum of one volunteer, but preferably two, in addition to the staff person. They will also be responsible for the daily cleaning in the morning before the shelter closes for the day at 7:00 a.m. They will provide no other funding than for these two areas of support.
- Red Cross will provide blankets, and folding cots (up to 30), and a “comfort kit” (toothbrush/paste, etc.) for all guests.
- Homeless Gear will provide a breakfast bag daily of breakfast bar and juice, etc.
- The current plans do NOT include any use of showers, entailing towels or cleaning. The goal is to provide a safe, warm, sleeping space, wherein the boundaries of acceptable behavior are enforced.
- United Way is providing all other funding, and this will include a “detailed professional cleaning” at the end of the three months.
- Community of Christ will receive \$1200 each month, be given a security deposit, and will provide any security (and funding for it) outside the building as deemed necessary for the two evenings we have other evening contracts. This could be for only the first weeks, if problems are not occurring.
- Other details will be worked out in conversations with Marilyn Garner, Gary Jones, Jon Ytell, and the current renters during the early evening of Mondays and Wednesdays.