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**REFUGE**  
*for end of life care*

[lazarusgate.org](http://lazarusgate.org)

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Dear Neighbor,

Rocky Mountain Refuge is creating a specialized shelter for people experiencing terminal illness and homelessness. Shockingly, ***there is no such facility in the Denver Metro area*** and few nationally.

At least 172 people died on the street in Metro Denver in 2019 according to the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless.

People with terminal illness but no home have very few options:

- Emergency rooms and ICUs are expensive (often to the taxpayers) and not a good setting for end-of-life care.
- Most hospice agencies deliver care in your home. That works if you *have* a home.
- Hospice patients need privacy and stability that emergency shelters cannot offer.

Rocky Mountain Refuge already hears from hospitals and hospice agencies with patients needing our shelter. We expect to open in Q1 of 2022, and we need your help!

Rocky Mountain Refuge has partnered with Denver Rescue Mission, who will lease us very suitable rooms at their Crossings facility on Smith Road as soon as we have funding and staffing in place.

Our staff and volunteers will provide companionship and non-medical care like help with laundry and cleaning. Hospice agencies then can provide skilled nursing and physician services for end-of-life care.

Our mission is to offer ***a dignified alternative to dying alone on the street*** for those with terminal illness.

There is more detailed information on the website, [lazarusgate.org](http://lazarusgate.org).

How can you help?

- Like every non-profit, Rocky Mountain Refuge needs funds: [You can donate here](#). Any amount truly makes a difference! *Grant foundations like to see a broad base of donors.*
- Spread the word: Forward this to friends and business associates.
- Volunteer:
  - If you want to help the Board (either as a member or an extra pair of hands), [contact](#) us. There is a lot of work to be done getting ready!
  - Once Rocky Mountain Refuge opens you can be a direct part of providing people a comfortable place to live during their last days.

We know you get many requests for your time and money. Any help you can provide will move us another step toward making a difference for people in a vulnerable and dire situation.

Thank you in advance for your gift and/or participation!

*The Rocky Mountain Refuge Board*

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Rocky Mountain Refuge is a Colorado Non-Profit Corporation with approved 501(c)3 status, offering shelter for end-of-life care regardless of a person's race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status.

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