

unity shelter

2025 STATUS REPORT



Whenever we pull together statistics for our annual status report, I'm amazed at how many people we've served, and this year is no different. Despite funding challenges that meant we had to temporarily close overnight operations of the Men's Shelter at Chapman Center, limit operations of the Hygiene Center, and once again operate a combined shelter at Room at the Inn, we continue to serve more people every year. And through the work of our Care Team, we're making it possible for our guests to access healthcare and other services that improve their lives. Our shelter and transitional housing programs are in high demand, and we are so happy to re-open our Men's Shelter as the weather turns wet and cold.

Growth in this work is a mixed blessing – we are happy to be able to serve more people, and concerned that the need continues to grow faster than we are able to address. Part of what keeps me hopeful is the response we've received from our community partners, the incredible work of our staff and volunteers, and the support we receive from donors. Central to our mission is the concept of "community care" – and we are so grateful to be a part of a community that cares for those in need. Thank you for your partnership. It makes so much possible.

Shawn M. Collins
Executive Director

Volunteer Spotlight: Phil Harding

This year, we would like to take time to thank one of our most dedicated volunteers, Phil Harding!

Phil began volunteering as an overnight sleeper in 2022, and now joins us 2-4 times per week. Phil is a dedicated and passionate volunteer, showing deep compassion for our community, along with a continued interest in helping other volunteers get more comfortable in their roles.

We asked him a few questions to shed light on his experience at Unity, and working with individuals in our community experiencing poverty and/or homelessness:

Q: What drew you to volunteering at Unity?

A: Working directly with a variety of human beings is the best way to remain human. It is certainly easier for me to make a donation to a cause I support, but real contribution for me comes in that shoulder to shoulder work. I avoid using words like "helping", "donating", ... even "volunteering", because I believe we are working to make the world a better place. It doesn't matter whether I am the one preparing the meal or the one eating it; We are all doing our best.

Q: What's your favorite part of the work that you do?

A: But, I have so many favorite parts! I will start with the on-site staff as my most favorite part of the role. They have an array of personal histories that make them well-suited for Unity, and they are ALWAYS kind and respectful to all. Even more, they are fun. Nowhere else in my life do I have people yell "Phil!" when I walk in a room. Next, I would say that the receivers of meals and services are almost always kind and grateful considering that many of them are under tremendous life stress. Finally, I just like to work and to know that I made a visible and tangible difference.

Q: What has been your biggest takeaway from your volunteer experience at Unity?

A: When you roll your sleeves up and work with people, good things happen.



Thank you Phil, for all the support you have shown us and our community!

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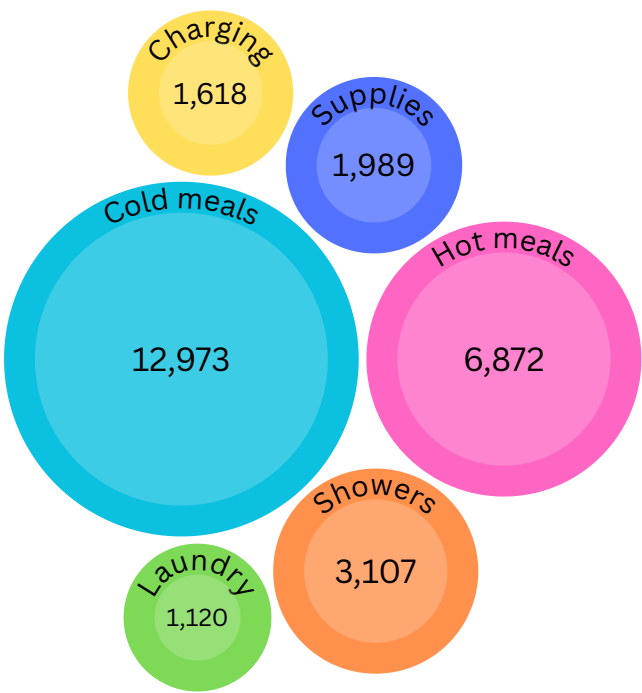
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In 2025...

52 Unity Shelter clients moved into permanent housing or other programs

Hygiene Center Service Records



A breakdown of individual services we have provided so far in 2025*

**Statistics as of December 8, 2025*

One service record = one individual type of service provided.

1,158 Unique individuals served across all Unity Shelter programs in 2025

30,526 Bed-nights of emergency shelter, serving 433 individuals across Room at the Inn, Men’s Shelter, and the Emergency Hotel Shelter

The Hygiene Center continued to serve as a vital resource in 2025, providing basic-needs support to nearly 1,000 unique individuals. With the addition of new indoor showers, the Hygiene Center expanded its capacity to deliver essential hygiene services each day, meeting a growing demand in our community. Despite limited funding and ongoing construction, the Hygiene Center experienced only minimal interruptions in service throughout the year, ensuring continued access to these critical services.

An Update on the Men’s Shelter

With a funding crisis at the end of our fiscal year, Unity Shelter had to temporarily close the Men’s Shelter on Chapman Place, and transition to a combined shelter space at Room at the Inn. While this decreased the shelter capacity in our community, it did provide the opportunity for us to complete a pending construction project to continue operating emergency shelter in the space long term.

Throughout the summer, we were able to provide shelter for 25 men and 25 women at Room at the Inn. However, there were many who we could not shelter. With construction complete, and a certificate of occupancy issued, Unity Shelter reopened the Men’s Shelter at Chapman Center on Tuesday, December 9th. This change has allowed us to restore 50 beds of emergency shelter to our community, increasing available beds for both female and male identifying individuals. The Men’s Shelter at Chapman Center has served male identifying individuals over the age of 18 since 2017, and now has 7 showers and 6 toilets inside for guests, improved HVAC systems, a new roof, and other changes to make the facility better for our guests, staff and volunteers.



We are grateful for the support and partnership that makes services to those without safe and stable housing possible in our community. We’ve been fortunate to have so many partners contribute to the development and delivery of services in this building. From a down-to-the-studs warehouse to the space it is today, the Men’s Shelter is a reflection of the contributions of countless funders, contractors, partner agencies, staff and volunteers, too many to list individually. But we want to give special thanks to our local Coordinated Homeless Response Office and Benton County, the City of Corvallis, Bob Grant Construction and all the subcontractors who transformed the space. We’re grateful to provide shelter again in this updated space, even as we work toward a future when all have the housing they need, and the need for emergency shelter is truly rare, brief, and non-recurring.