

Project PATH

3rd Quarter Report, FY 23-24

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is provided in accordance with the Service Agreement between Stepping Stones Alliance and the City of Umatilla as part of the West Umatilla County partnership to provide services to our community's homeless residents through Project PATH (Practical Assistance through Transitional Housing). This report provides an update on site preparations, community outreach, strategic plan, budget, and general services. More detailed materials are available upon request which might include draft/adopted operational policies and procedures, meeting minutes of Stepping Stones Alliance, or general member policies and code of conduct. This report is intended to serve as a high level update of the services provided and the general progress we have made thus far.

PERSONNEL

Stepping Stones is extremely happy with changing from in-house staff to contracting with Phoenix Security. As we prepare for the transition to on-site operations, we're evaluating scheduling and recruiting extra personnel to ensure coverage for all hours.

CONSTRUCTION SITE

Construction activities at Project PATH are underway with ongoing progress. Check out the latest updates from the site!

The power installation has been successfully finished and is now operational.

Comprehensive water health tests have been conducted and the water supply is active.

The paving of the site is scheduled for completion by the end of April.

We look forward to be Operational by May 1st!

PILOT PROGRAM CONTACTS

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Dan Dorran

CITY MANAGERS

Dave Stockdale, Umatilla

Byron Smith, Hermiston

Ben Burgener, Stanfield

Dave Slaght, Echo

PROJECT CONTACT

Marisela Morales

STEPPING STONES CONTACT

Jesalyn Cole



TRANSPORTATION

Two shuttle vans with ADA accessible lifts were purchased. Staff and several volunteers went through training and have been certified to drive the shuttle vans.

- Pick up and drop off times occur in the morning and evening!
- Guest are pleased with the convenience of embarking and disembarking.





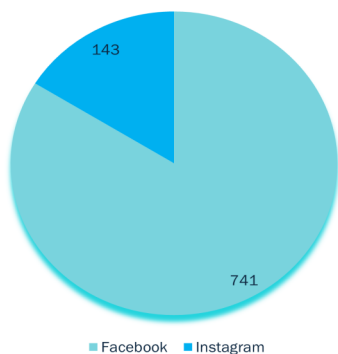
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We continue with our social media campaigns; highlighting partners, sponsors, donors and sharing our needs via a grocery list weekly.

SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

- There were 26 Media posts shared across Facebook and Instagram.

Social Media Followers



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

This quarter we participated in the following community activities;

- Hermiston Adelante Network Event
- Hermiston Chamber Network Luncheon
- Umatilla Chamber Network Luncheon
- Hermiston City Faith Advisory Council
- Hermiston City Hispanic Advisory Council

We were able to share updates, needs, and answer any questions that the groups had for us!

Navigation Director, Carolina, continued monthly outreach within encampments in the area in partnership with COPES and EOCIL to share what resources are available with those who need our services.

PIT Count was conducted in January. In February, outreach team met with 15 People.

No outreach field trip was conducted in March.

PARTNERSHIPS

Ongoing conversations and projects continue to strengthen partnerships. Received support and donations items from Churches and Businesses in the Community.

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

GRANTS

The MDU Resources Foundation has provided us with a \$2,500 grant for the outdoor common Space. The funds will be granted in June.

Walmart Supercenter provided us with a \$3,000 grant to purchase appliances for the Navigation Center.

COMMITTEE

We will be selling tickets for the raffle happening in June.

SOCIAL EVENT WITH LIVE MUSIC

Stepping Stones Gala will be hosted on September 21, 2024 at EOTEC, There will be live music, plated dinner and live auction. Sponsorship opportunities will be available.

CAMPAIGNS

Delish Bistro is hosting a "Cocktail for a cause Campaign," during the Month of April. For every cocktail sold, \$2 will be contributed to our cause.

DONATIONS

We received sizable donations of items from churches and businesses in the community.

Sleep Center

January total of 370 guest stays, 41 unduplicated, 13 new guest and 17 came for meals only.

February total of 370 guest stays, 51 unduplicated, 22 new guest and 23 came for meals only.

March total of 378 guest stays, 45 unduplicated, 12 new guest and 19 came for meals only.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Volunteer outreach continues to be a focus as we need a large pool to draw from each month. We hosted an open house and posted a video of what a volunteer shift encompasses.

Below are total volunteer shifts:

January: 70 Shifts

February: 58 Shifts

March: 62 Shifts

Meals:

January: 34 Meals

February: 29 Meals

December: 31 Meals

Individual Shelter Units

All Units now equipped with power, heaters, and both interior and exterior lighting installed. Two volunteers dedicated a day to installing quarter round to enhance insulation stability. Curtain rods, curtains, and smoke detectors will be promptly installed.



Looking Forward....

Stepping Stones Alliance is looking forward to moving onto the permanent site and transitioning guests into the ISUs. We're thrilled about advancing our navigation services and achieving our goals of providing comprehensive wrap-around services for our guests. Additionally, we're excited about expanding our team by hiring some staff and further strengthening the already formidable team comprising staff, volunteers, and board members.