

Project PATH

2nd Quarter Report, FY 23-24

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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 PATH (Practical Assistance through Transitional Housing). This report provides an update on general operations, site preparations and improvements, community outreach, strategic plan, budget, and general services. More detailed materials are available upon request which may include, for example, draft/adopted operational policies and procedures, meeting minutes of Stepping Stones Alliance, meeting minutes of the PATH Advisory Committee, 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 made the change from internally staffing the overnight shift to contracting with Phoenix Protective Corp who is now on site seven days a week for the twelve hour shift from 7pm-7am. SSA now has only three paid staff on payroll and continues to utilize volunteers for a two hour shift each morning and evening.

TRANSPORTATION

Atkinson Staffing has continued to donate the use of a company vehicle for guest transportation. Night staff drops off guests in town at 7:15am and picks up at 7:15pm. EOCCO Grant funds/Wildhorse grant funds arrived in December and were used to purchase two shuttle vans with ADA lifts that will be arriving in January.

CONSTRUCTION SITE

Navigation building drawings have been sent to Engineers for Plan Review. Ground leveling and gate installation have been completed.

Heater installation in each of the Individual Shelter Units (ISUs) is anticipated to be completed by the end of January.

Power installation is set to be completed in February.

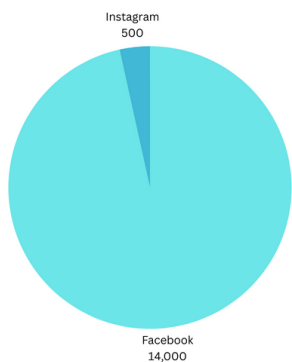




COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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

SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH



- 111 Posts
- This included a Giving Tuesday social media campaign that brought in close to \$40,000 in donations.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

This quarter we participated in the following community activities:

- Project Community Connect in Pendleton
- Hermiston Chamber Resource Fair
- Umatilla Chamber Resource Fair

These events are the perfect opportunity to share information, answer questions, and give away branded items and informational brochures.

INTERVIEWS

We were interviewed on...

- Odds n Ends radio show.
- 610AM KONA radio.
- Univision.

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.

Together, they offered assistance/spoke to 24 individuals in October and 16 individuals in November.

No outreach was conducted in December.

PARTNERSHIPS

Ongoing conversations and projects continue to strengthen partnerships. Time was spent with both the Hispanic and Faith Based Advisory Committees through Hermiston City Council.

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

GRANTS

We Submitted two separate CommuniCare grant applications for \$5,000 each and will hear if we move on to interviews in January.

COMMITTEE

The Board created a fundraising committee that is planning to launch two annual fundraisers in 2024.

SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

Giving Tuesday campaign was successful and will be utilized annually that will include sponsorship opportunities for area businesses.

DONATIONS

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

A recurring donation document has been created and will be distributed and shared in January to highlight to donors what their ongoing, regular donations can accomplish.

Grand Opening

Over 100 guest attended grand opening! Guest Speakers were: Mike Atkinson (SSA board treasurer) who performed the emceeing, Mayor Drotzman from City of Hermiston, Commissioner Dan Dorran from Umatilla County, Mayor Sipe from City of Umatilla, Representative Greg Smith, Councilmember Jessica Holben from City of Echo, Mayor Whelan from City of Stanfield and Cathy Lloyd – SSA board chair.



GRAND OPENING DONORS

- Hermiston Human Bean donated their time and hot beverages.



- AWS donated everything from our wish-list (furniture items, kitchen utensils).



Sleep Center

October total of 267 guest stays, 41 unduplicated, 12 new guest and 18 came for meals only.

November total of 271 guest stays, 39 unduplicated, 15 new guest and 27 came for meals only.

December total of 285 guest stays, 35 unduplicated, 9 new guest and 23 came for meals only.

We were able to stay open during the days of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day!

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 gained several new volunteers.

Below are total volunteer shifts:

October 62 Shifts

November: 68 Shifts

December: 72 Shifts

Meals:

October 24 Meals

November: 27 Meals

December: 23 Meals

Individual Shelter Units

Units were moved and set onsite by City of Umatilla employees. Porches were attached with assistance of John Lloyd. Electrical contractor began work on heater, outlet, and light installation in December and is scheduled to finish at the beginning of January.



Looking Forward....

Stepping Stones Alliance is looking forward to moving onto the permanent site and getting guests moved into ISUs and progressing with navigation services. We are excited to soon take possession of our shuttles and have additional autonomy over our transportation needs.