

## Goals and Activities

This project is a community wide collaborative effort providing temporary emergency shelter for unhoused individuals during the COVID-19 public health crisis. Providing a safe space to rest, quarantine space for anyone with COVID19 symptoms, Medical Health Screenings & Treatment, Meals, Resource Coordination, Mental Health & Addiction Services, Transportation to essential appointments, classes for entertainment, library book check-outs and Wi-Fi. We are preparing for the possibility of a second surge of COVID-19 cases in our community.

## Major Outcomes

- Emergency Shelter created in just 3 weeks and opened on April 20, 2020.
- Donations from local funders and community members, now have the funds needed to operate for 3 months.
- All needs for donated household goods have been met by local community members.
- Established a location for the space for this temporary emergency shelter.
- We served 40 people just in our first week.
- Over \$110,000 raised to support project.

## Advice for Others

Start with your local Health Department when working in response to a pandemic. Be nimble and responsive in your efforts. Work as a collaborative and community in one effort.

## Populations Served

Unhoused homeless individuals in the Flathead Valley.

## Major Partners and Funders

Flathead COVID19 Emergency Housing Collaborative. Samaritan House, the Flathead Warming Center, Community Action Partnership of Northwest Montana, ImagineIF Libraries, The Salvation Army, Western Montana Mental Health Center, ASSIST, Flathead City-County Health Department, Kalispell City Council, Flathead Community Health Center, Northwest Montana Veterans Food Pantry, Toys for Tots, The Flathead County Animal Shelter, The Flathead County Humane Society, Kalispell Regional Health Care, Bibler Foundation, Roundup for Safety, the Oro y Plata Foundation, the Whitefish Community Foundation, the Foley Family Charitable Foundation.

## Ingredients for Success

Working with and getting the support of local public officials. Location, the Samaritan House had the facility available. The collaborative effort as a group to get this project completed, using an array folk's expertise to provide the right services to meet the need.

## Questions?

Contact Samaritan House, 406.257.5801