



Hope Awaits

MINISTRIES

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Monthly Newsletter

Over the past two months we have had 8 different men stay at Hope Awaits, with many others coming to the door, or calling looking for somewhere to stay. We are continually grateful that we are able to house 4 men at a time, but still have a difficult time turning men in need away. When we do not have any rooms available we let those searching for a room know about other shelter options in the city, as well as try to help them in any way we can, including getting them food and clothing.

In October, with Thanksgiving Monday, we were able to be open all day with the help of our volunteers. It was a great day of spending time with the men who were at the shelter, as well as living out the family atmosphere that we desire to have at our facility.

One of the clients told us that he really liked staying at Hope Awaits as he felt valued here. He had been at other shelters in bigger cities where he was just one of many; but at Hope Awaits with our small client numbers our staff are able to spend time getting to know each and every man that stays at our facility. When we get a new client they become part of our family, and we are encouraged that they not only notice that, but that it positively affects them.

As we have now been open for over 6 months we are re-visiting our church partners in order to share about how God is moving at Hope Awaits now that we are open. During the past two months we have had the opportunity to present at two different churches, and look forward to opportunities to present to other churches and community groups.

In the end of September we held our annual Wheels of Hope bike-a-thon fundraiser which raised a record breaking \$11,374! We had a beautiful day for the ride, and had 40 participants and 9 volunteers at this event. It continues to grow every year, and we thank God for the good weather, new connections that were made, and the overall success of the event.

Although we had a successful fundraiser, our finances are still lacking. At this time our monthly donors only cover approximately 30% of our monthly expenses. By God's grace we are able to pay our bills and continue to be His hands and feet in North Bay; but we ask that you prayerfully consider becoming a partner with us as we reach out to the homeless, hungry, and hurting in North Bay.

Sincerely,

Hope Awaits Ministries

Glory be to God!