

**Mission:**

The mission of Hood River Shelter Services (HRSS) is to compassionately provide a safe place to meet the basic needs of those without shelter during the winter.

Shelter Background:

- HRSS formed after a person died of exposure in 2009 while living on the streets of Hood River County.
- HRSS has completed 12 seasons providing nightly shelter from mid-November through mid-March.

Shelter Services:

- Primary services include overnight shelter mid-November through mid-March, healthy meals provided in collaboration with local restaurants, warm clothing, toiletries, and access to laundry.
- Supportive services provided in collaboration with our community partners include on-site visits at the shelter with outreach workers, health insurance enrollment assisters, community health workers, and health care and social service professionals.

2021-2022 Shelter Season Statistics:

- Shelter operations moved to a new, multi-year location central to public transportation and services.
- HRSS provided shelter to 55 individual guests, with an average nightly guest count of 21 people per night, and served approximately 15 additional people through meals and supplies.
- Shelter guests included 21 women and 34 men who range in age from 21-74, with 9 people over the age of 60. 9 guests identified as Native American and 6 as Hispanic or Latino.
- 75% of shelter guests listed their last place of residence as a location within the Columbia Gorge.
- 7 individuals exited our shelter program to long-term housing placements.

2020-2021 Shelter Season Statistics:

- HRSS served 89 individual guests including 25 women, two minor children, 4 people over the age of 60, and 6 veterans. 15 guests identified as Hispanic/Latino and 8 as Native American.
- The shelter was open 119 nights with an average nightly guest count of 13 people per night.
- HRSS adopted a non-congregate model with emergency shelter units and increased health & safety protocols to lower risk of viral exposure and transmission during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Shelter staff supported operations on-site; community volunteers dedicated over 500 hours to supporting shelter operations in background supportive roles.

Historic Shelter Statistics:

- 2012-2013 48 individual guests, including two families
- 2014-2015 62 individual guests, including 11 women and 51 men
- 2019-2020 94 individual guests, including 13 women and 14 people over the age of 60

Community Partners:

HRSS is strongly supported by our community partners, including The City of Hood River, Hood River County, Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital, Mid-Columbia Community Action Council, Hood River County Health Department, Columbia Gorge Health Council, Bridges to Health Pathways, One Community Health, Mid-Columbia Center for Living, Columbia Gorge Food Bank, Columbia Area Transit, Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation, Hood River County Library District, Gorge Ecumenical Ministries, local restaurants and businesses, and countless individuals in the community.

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