

THE PULSE

WE ARE THE HEART & SOUL OF EVERGREEN

EChO Shelter, reopening early October!

A home cooked meal, four walls, a roof over your head, a warm blanket and safety... we often take these basics for granted. For some in our community, EChO Shelter is the only place to find these necessities they have lost.

Who needs shelter in this mountain community?

Families and individuals can find themselves needing shelter after divorce, unemployment, illness, addiction, escaping domestic violence and a variety of other hardships. We serve Evergreen and the surrounding mountain communities.

Tim Clancy, Shelter Manager, shares his insight and experience.

"People go through trials and end up without a roof over their heads. These events could happen to any of us at any time."

In addition to the Shelter, dedicated Client Advocates are here to guide and support guests every step of the way. All EChO clients have access to wraparound services including housing assistance, the Food Pantry, Job Center, Resale Shop and referrals to other agencies.

Thanks to the shelter relaunch, in October, we can once again offer a safe place to shower, eat and sleep.



I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME

Tim has an extensive background in healthcare as an administrator and consultant. Thirty years of experience gave him the expertise to open and operate the shelter in a COVID safe manner for guests, volunteers and staff.

He considers it to be a privilege to work with dedicated and experienced volunteers who pour their hearts into each and every aspect of the shelter.

The volunteers and staff have really worked hard to get the shelter ready for it's sixth season.

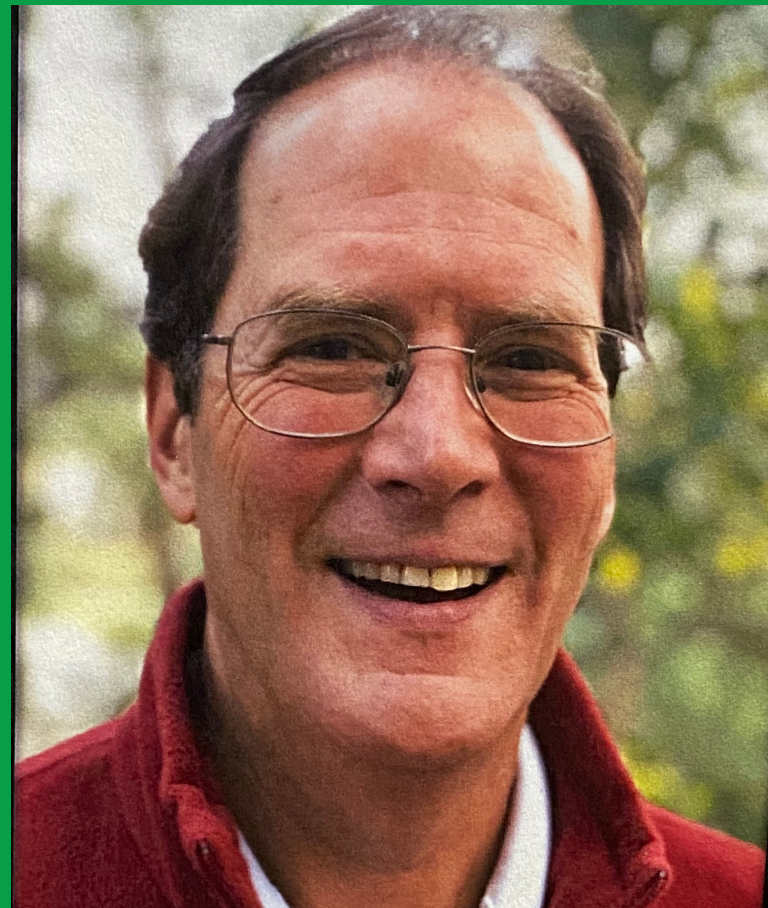
It's truly a blessing to witness the volunteers and staff support and build this program. The love they all share to help those in need is really something to see.

Where is the shelter located?

The shelter has a new home on the lower level of The Church of the Hills across from the JeffCo Sheriff's office and the public library, conveniently a mile from EChO headquarters!

Tell us about this partnership.

We were in search of a new location to open the shelter this season when Church of the Hills reached out to us, offering quite a significant portion of the Church's lower level for guests to utilize.



Tim Clancy, Shelter Manager

How did you know this was the right location for the shelter guests?

I was immediately struck by the message displayed on the plaque (shown above) in front of the entrance to the sanctuary. It reminds me of the guests we invite into our space.

We meet them as strangers and we invite them in to shelter, clothe and feed them as we are called to do.

I knew we found the right partner.

"The shelter is a safe place for our guests, volunteers and staff."

What does the shelter offer?

We offer ADA compliant showers, several bathrooms and a large kitchen to serve meals from. The fellowship hall off of the kitchen has plenty of windows for fresh airflow. A large capacity washer and dryer is available for guests to launder their clothing and staff to wash bedding, blankets and towels.

Who provides meals?

Our wonderful volunteers bring delicious home cooked meals to be served in the fellowship hall. Guests can expect a warm welcome, a nutritious dinner in the evening, a safe and warm sleeping area overnight.

The Knights of Columbus will provide a hearty breakfast and guests will leave with a packed lunch from Blue Spruce Kiwanis.

How many volunteers are involved in The EChO Shelter?

Last season we had over 100 volunteers provide more than 4,000 hours. We are always looking for more volunteers at the shelter. EChO as a whole runs on the kindness and hard work of all who lend a hand.



This year we are also seeking to hire Overnight Hosts who will work in teams of two throughout the evening.

Details for both volunteer and employment can be found here [Employment Opportunities](#).

How do you keep the shelter safe?

Our number one concern is that the shelter is a safe place. Upon client intake, guests are screened via background and criminal checks for the safety of all.

How long will the shelter be open?

Our mission is to be open during the colder months, October to May, to provide a warm place to sleep and enjoy a meal. The shelter opens each evening at 6:15 pm for dinner and guests will stay until 7 am.

Thank you!

Thank you **staff and volunteers!**

We are so thankful to have such loving and compassionate people on board.
(Featured to the right)

Thank you **Church of the Hills** for sharing your space with us in order to serve those in need in our mountain community! (Featured below)

Thank you Evergreen for supporting EChO and our programs!

Together, we make this possible.



Linda, Kaethe, Justice, Raandi,
Dean, Tim and Jamie.

How can you help?

- Volunteer
- Supply meals
- Donate supplies
- Monetary donations
- Gift cards, King Soopers & Safeway grocery/gas cards

To contribute to any of our programs, please follow these links.

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An additional shoutout to People Comforters



People Comforters have donated one quilt per guest room for the Shelter! We are so appreciative and overjoyed at their kindness and hard work! Thank you for the warmth and comfort!

People Comforters is a nonprofit organization working with Jefferson County Sheriff's Office with victim services. The organization hand makes quilts, toiletry bags, hats, mittens and booties for individuals in need.



VALE, the Victim Assistance Law Enforcement program, provides a yearly grant in order to supply fabric and supplies. Donations are also provided through Evergreen Elks and Conifer Newcomers and Neighbors. Each month 30 quilts are supplied to the program. Each patrol car carries a quilt for individuals experiencing trauma.

If you would like to be a part of this group, stop by Church of the Hills from 10am-2pm Tuesdays and Thursdays. Fabric and sewing machines provided, beginners welcome!

