



Partners Aligned Toward Housing Solutions Presents:

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SUMMIT

On Homelessness & Housing Initiatives in Rural Polk County

September 19, 2023

Introduction

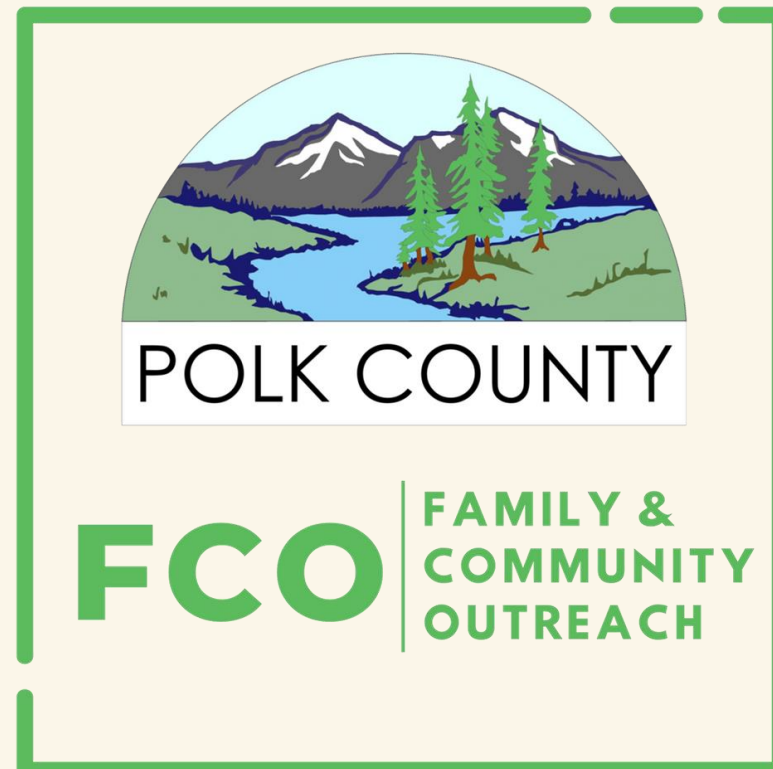
Commissioner Jeremy Gordon



Welcome

Data

Ryan Pollard

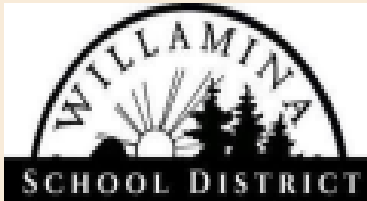
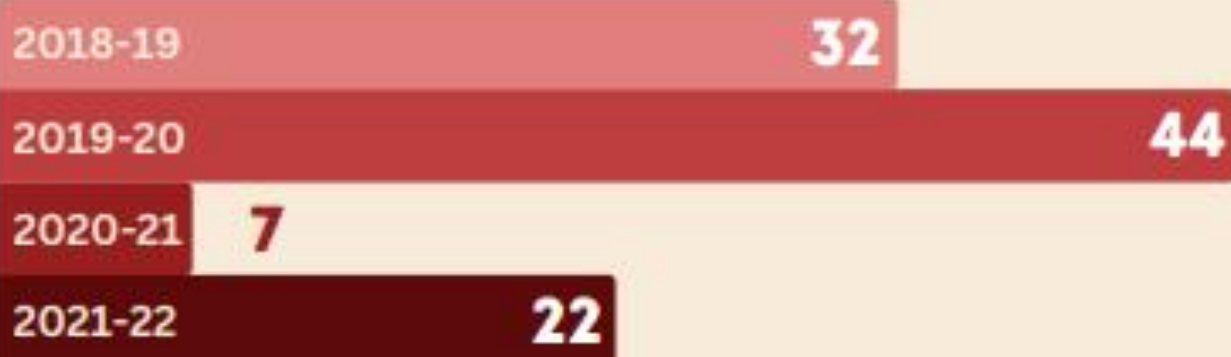


Polk County Data

- Collected information for individuals the Homeless Prevention team has worked with
- Numbers have increased over last couple years
- Data changes over time

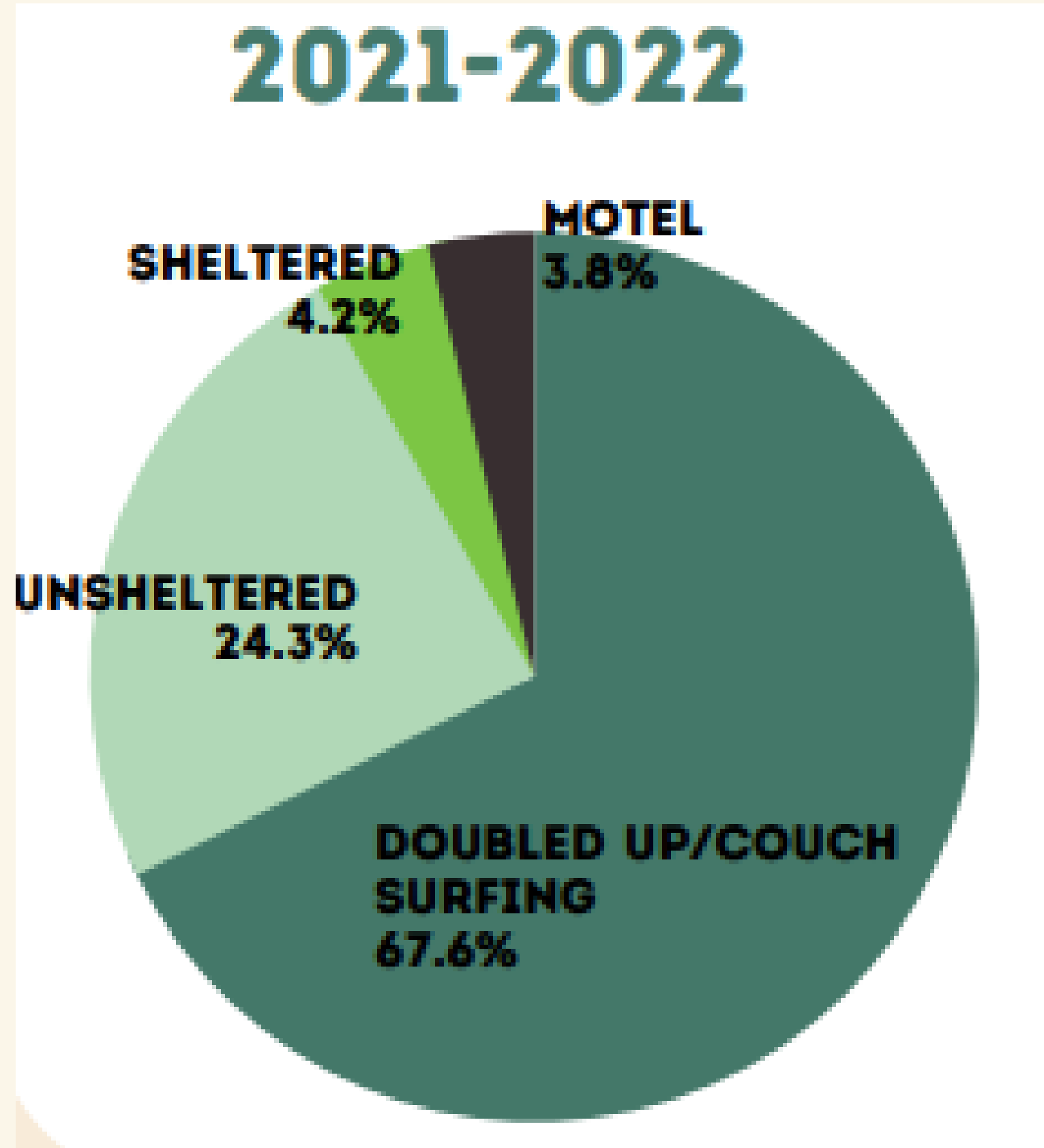
Literal Homeless	
Family Data (10)	
Children (under 18)	28
Adults	12
Individual Data	
Adults w/o children	22
Unaccompanied Youth	0
Total individuals (Unduplicated)	62
<p><i>** Family data represents 10 families experiencing literal homelessness</i></p>	
Imminent Risk	
Family Data (18)	
Children (under 18)	36
Adults	19
Individual Data	
Adults w/o children	55
Unaccompanied Youth	0
Total individuals (Unduplicated)	110
<p><i>** Family data represents 18 families at imminent Risk of homelessness</i></p>	

McKinney-Vento Data



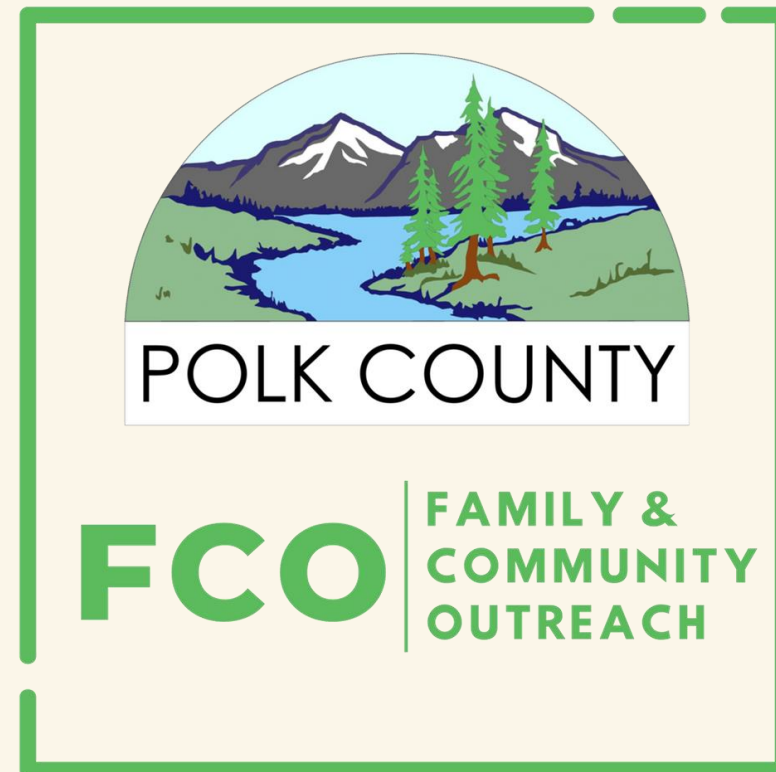
On average, per school year in 2018-2022, **213** students in rural Polk County experienced homelessness.

McKinney-Vento Data Continued..



Polk County Family & Community Outreach

Ryan Pollard



Prevention &
Outreach

- Weekly outreach in partnership with ROCC, Community Action Agency, City Police Departments, and more.
- Has a data system that tracks all client information and situations.
- Resource Center provides a space for clients to receive mail.
- Polk Family & Community Outreach has 2 Resource Centers - one in Dallas & one in Monmouth.
- Has an outreach van to travel to clients. Takes visits to Grand Ronde, Falls City, Monmouth, Dallas, Independence, and Willamina.
- Meet with clients to see what the needs are and how we are able to assist.

Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency - ARCHES

Breezy Poynor



- **Outreach**

- Weekly outreach in Polk County

- **Coordinated Entry - ARCHES Assessments**

- Weekly assessments
- Monmouth - Monday's
- Dallas - Tuesday's

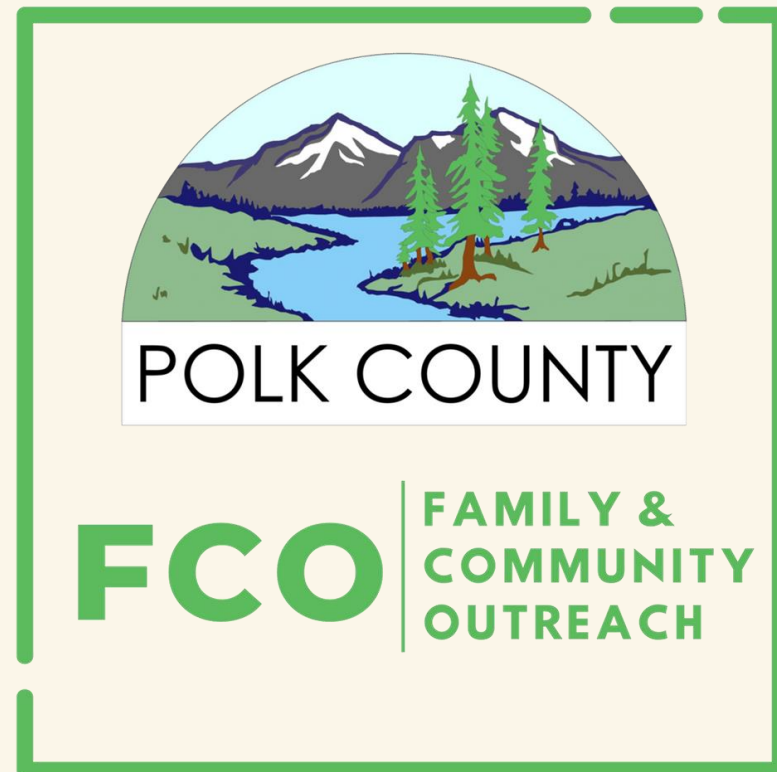
- **Rapid Rehousing**

- New program to Rural Polk County
- Team of 6 staff including 4 case managers
- Goal to Rapidly Rehouse 50 households
- Weekly case management for clients
- Self-sufficiency is the end goal



Polk County School Based Mental Health

Megan Seifried



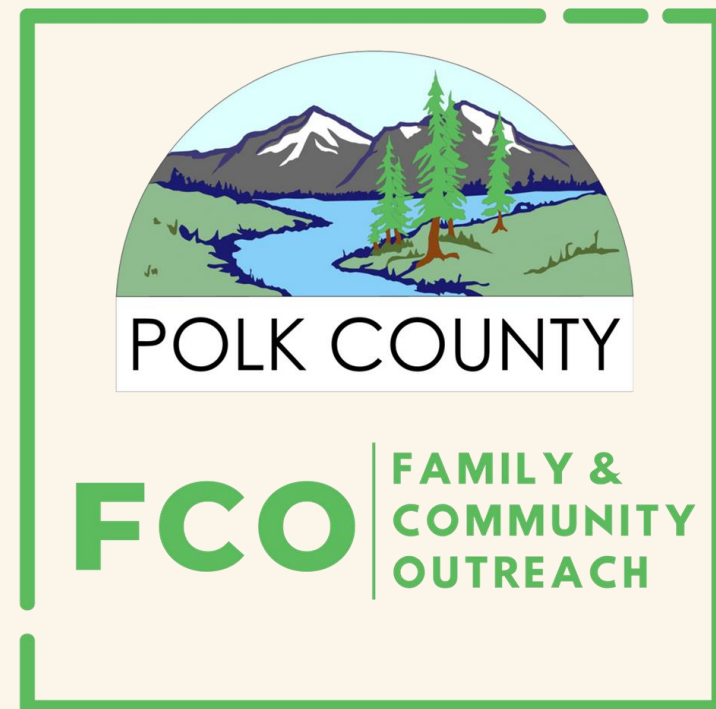
- Part of the Polk County Family and Community Outreach Department; focused on prevention and addressing barriers that may be preventing youth from coming to school and being successful
- Serving students within the Dallas, Central, Falls City and Kings Valley catchment areas
- Staff are able to provide individual emotional support, group and individual skill building, crisis support, and connection with needed resources.
- Last school year served approx 1,300 students.



- School District documented houseless students in 2022-2023:
 - Dallas SD: 74 students
 - Central SD: 36 students

Polk County Family & Community Outreach

Abby Warren



Resource Center

Basic Needs

- Food bags/Food Boxes
- Water
- Hygiene items (shampoo, body wash, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc)
- School Supplies
- Diapers and other baby products
- Meals Ready to Eat (MRE's)

Staff Support

- Resource Connectors
- Housing Navigators
- Veteran Services

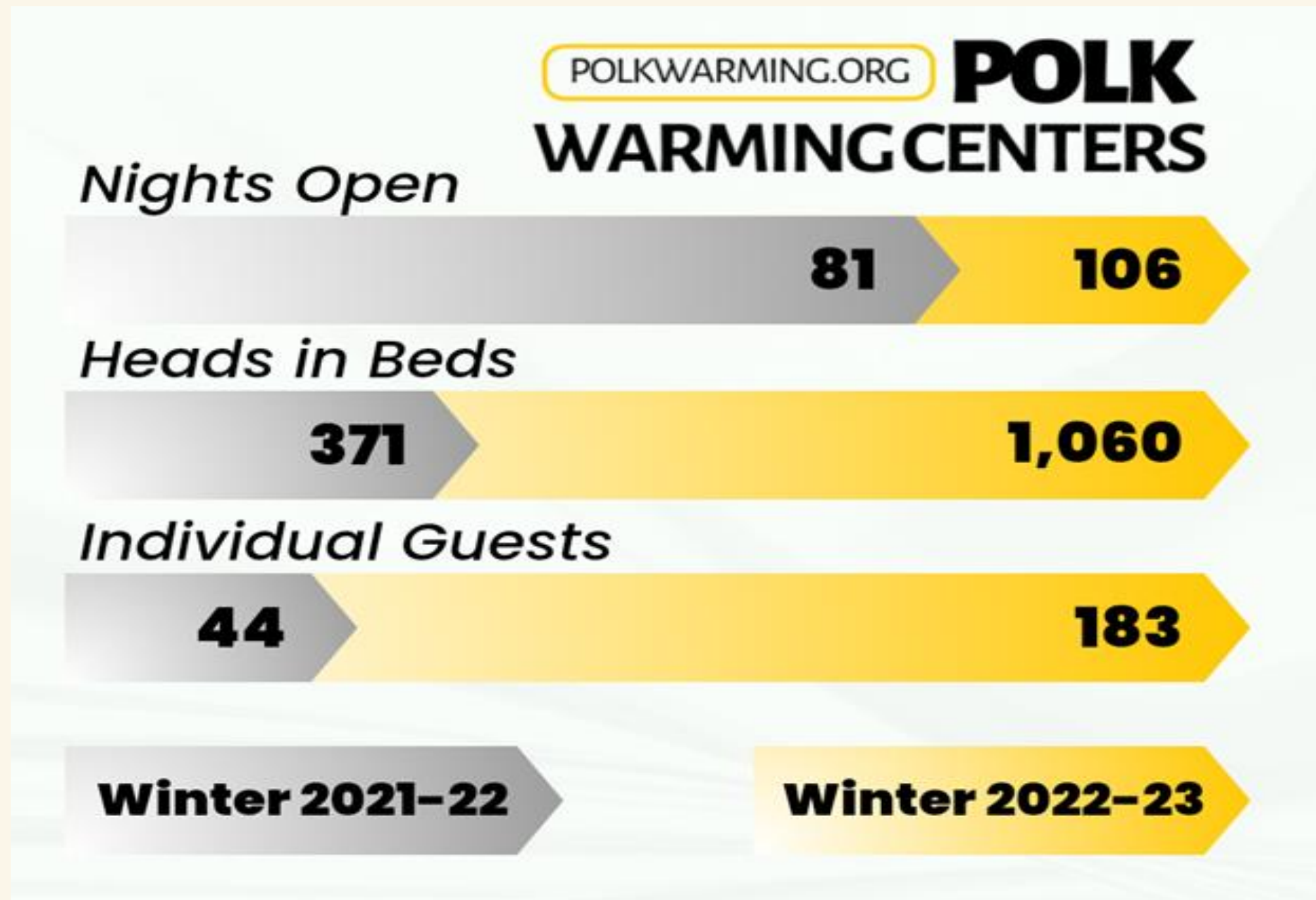


Polk Warming Centers

Matt Smucker

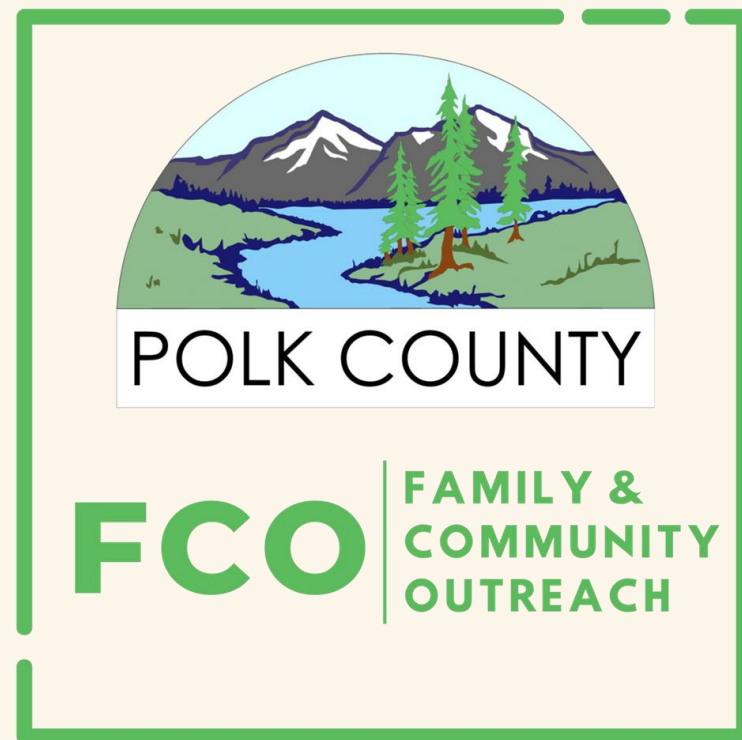


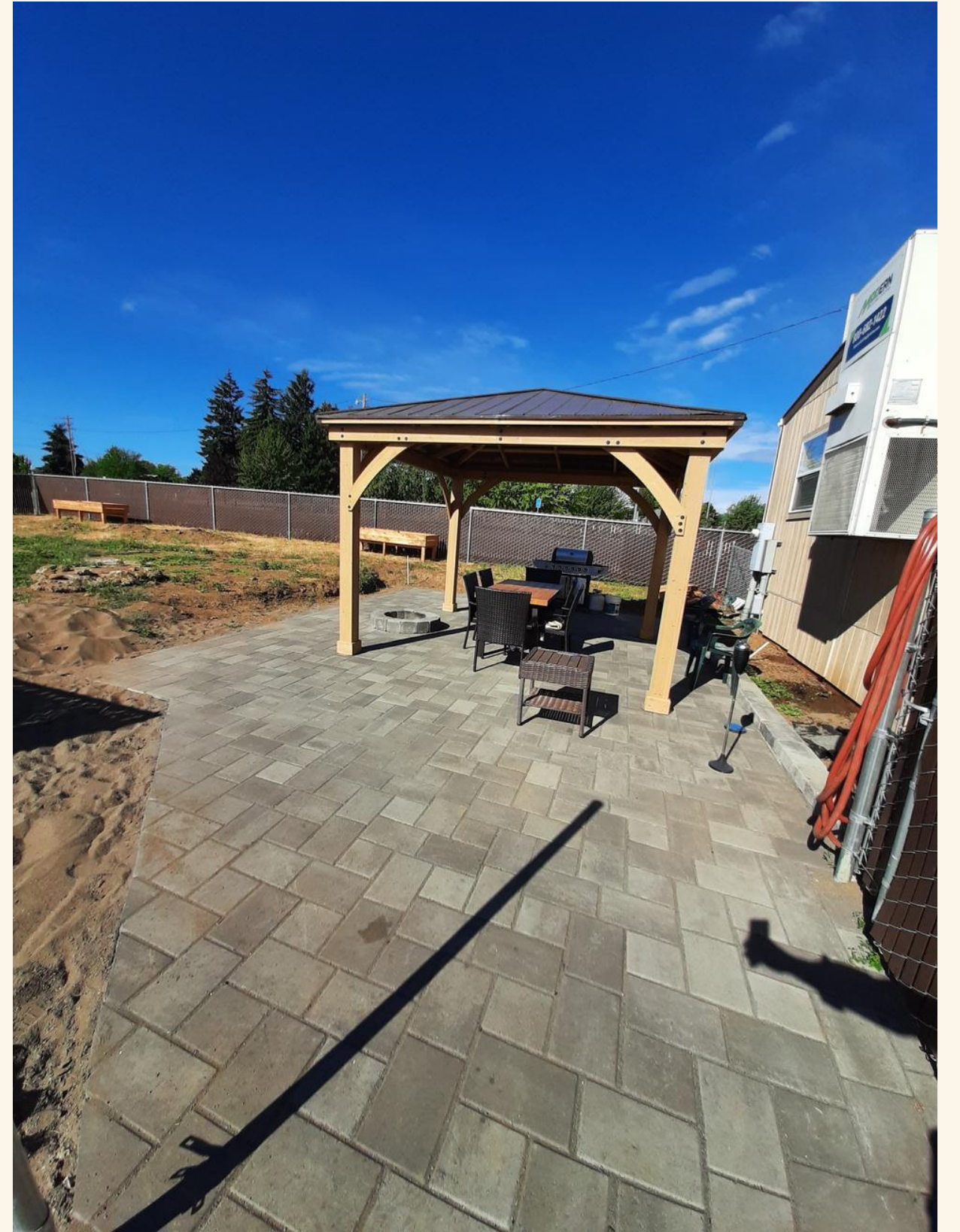
- Warming Center activates when temperatures drop below 32 degrees fahrenheit.
- Hosted by local churches in Rural Polk County and at the Falls City Community Center.
- The Safe Showers program is open for drop-in at Community Life Church (Monmouth) every Monday and Wednesday - 9am - 12pm noon, or by appointment)



Gale's Lodge

Eric Enderle





Ediger Hall

Abby Warren



DALLAS ALLIANCE CHURCH
GROWING IN CHRIST TOGETHER



Before and After







- **NOW OPEN!**

- Dallas Alliance Church and Polk County FCO partnership.
- Currently holds up to one household at a time.
- 3 bedroom transitional house with a full size kitchen, living room, and dining area.
- Families that stay at Ediger Hall work with Polk County Resource Center to secure stable housing upon exit.
- Family that stays at Ediger Hall is connected to all resources - Polk County Behavioral Health,
- Storage for belongings
- Hosted our first family, a mother and 3 kids. They had no other options beforehand. They are now successfully in long-term housing after 6 weeks of being placed at Edigar Hall.

Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency - HOME Youth Services

Megan Perez



Transitional Youth Home

- New transitional youth home opening in Monmouth by the end of the year
- Can house up to 5 youth
- Onsite case management, basic immediate need services, life skill building activities, etc.
- Positive Youth Development activities
- Only transitional youth home in all of Rural Polk County
- 24/7 staff onsite
- Connected to medical, dental, and mental health services



Church at the Park

DJ Vincent



Transitional
Housing/
Shelter

The background features a stylized landscape with a light yellow sky, a large yellow sun, and several evergreen trees in shades of green and blue. The trees are arranged in a row across the bottom, with some in the foreground and others in the background. The sun is positioned behind the trees, creating a warm, glowing effect.

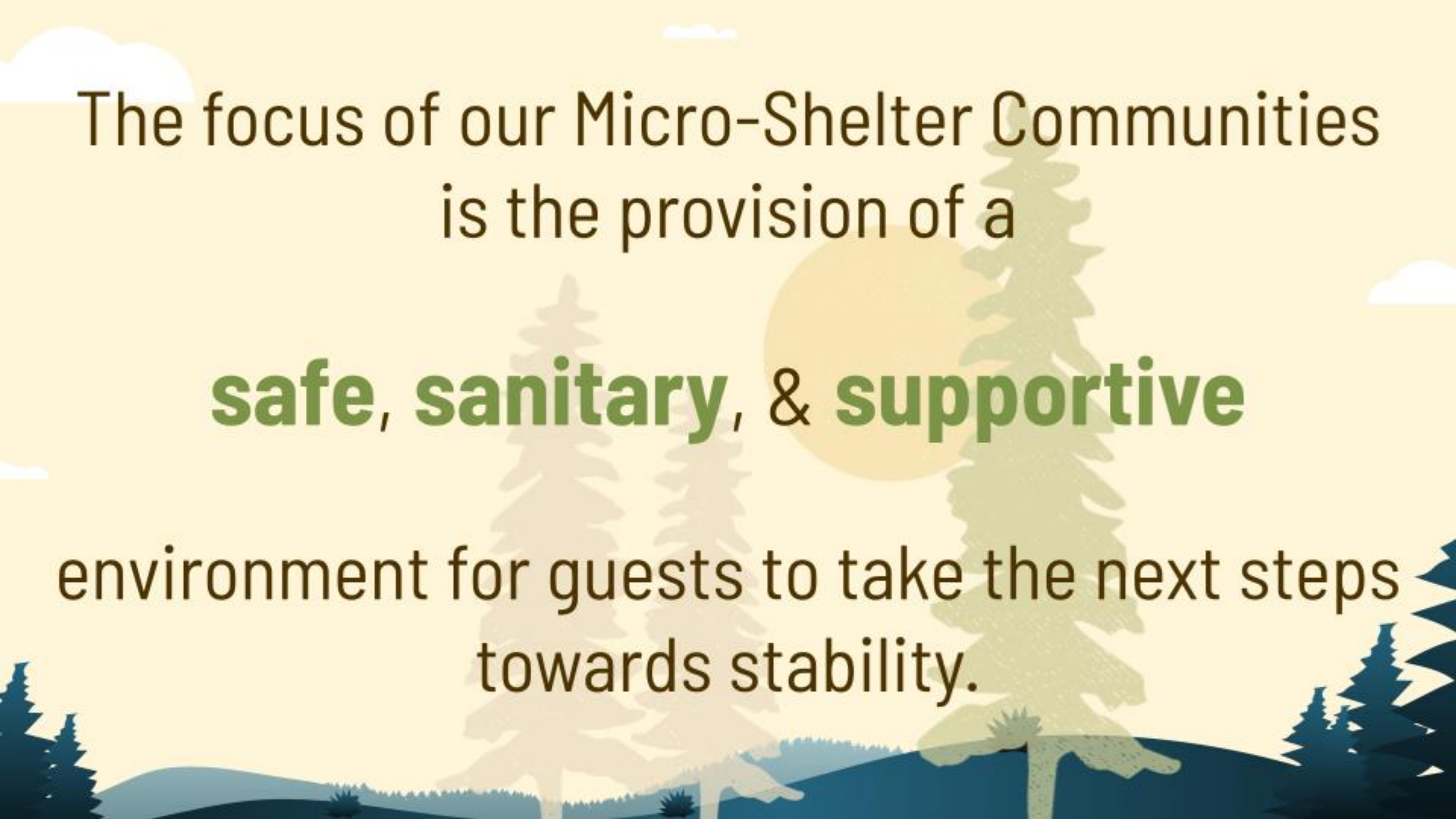
Church @ the Park

EST. 2007 * SALEM, OR

A long table covered with a white tablecloth is set up outdoors in a wooded area. The table is decorated with a floral centerpiece and several lit candles. White chairs are arranged along the table. The ground is covered with fallen autumn leaves, and the trees in the background have sparse, yellowing foliage. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

C@P **Mission:**

**creating a banquet of love and acceptance for
those who need it most**



The focus of our Micro-Shelter Communities
is the provision of a

safe, sanitary, & supportive

environment for guests to take the next steps
towards stability.

on-site services offered:

- 24/7 staff;
- one meal daily & 24/7 access to grab and go food and beverages;
- case management (40:1 ratio);
- Medical and behavioral health support, 2x weekly;
- DPSST licensed safety team support;
- Connections to public benefits (i.e. food stamps, TANF, SSI/SSDI, ID, birth certificates, housing assessments etc.)



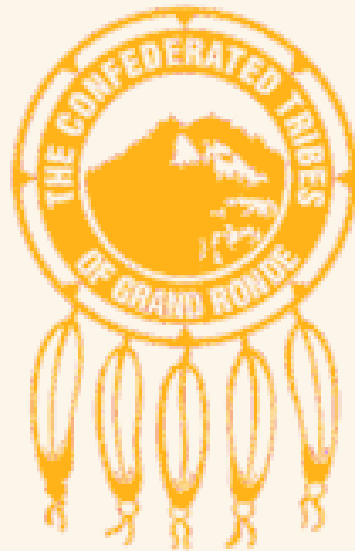


Laundry & Shower Services



Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

Ryan Pollard / Anne Falla



Confederated Tribes
of *Grand Ronde*

Transitional
Housing/
Shelter

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde



Micro-Shelter Village

Site 1

10 units, 8ft x 8ft

2 bunks each

Site 2

15 units, 10ft x 10ft

4 bunks each



**Photos from Site 1:
Unit outside and in
Community Center
2 Hygiene Units**

Salem Housing Authority

Sarah Quick



- Applications for Section 8 vouchers
- Public Housing options
- Rental Assistance Program
- Rapid-Rehousing Program
- Landlord Symposiums
- Weekly Rental Listings

Stay Connected



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