



## HOOD RIVER SHELTER SERVICES

Shelter Location: 317 State Street at  
Riverside Community Church  
in Hood River  
Mailing Address:  
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## MISSION & VISION

At Hood River Shelter Services, our mission is to compassionately provide a safe place to meet the basic needs of those without shelter during the winter.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- » We respect the dignity of all people and treat our guests with respect.
- » We aim to create a space that is physically and emotionally safe for everyone.
- » We understand that homelessness can affect anyone at any time and we are here to help without judgment.
- » We welcome community involvement.

### OPERATING SEASON

November 18, 2019-March 8, 2020  
6 PM - 7 AM, seven days a week

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### – PROGRAM OVERVIEW –

#### Hood River Shelter Services

Hood River Shelter Services (HRSS) is a coalition of community members representing service providers, nonprofit organizations, faith-based communities, government agencies, and local businesses who have come together to ensure that everyone in our community has access a warm, safe place to sleep during the winter.

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of Hood River Shelter Services is to provide a safe and warm space for those without resources for housing, or with inadequate housing. Unsheltered persons, especially those living with medical, mental health, or addiction issues, are even more vulnerable in times of inclement weather. Hood River Shelter Services operates under Standard Operating Procedures, and these procedures ensure the safe and effective operation of HRSS for staff and volunteers, as well as safeguarding the guests we serve.

#### **SERVICES**

- » A warm, safe place to sleep
- » Dinner, breakfast and snacks
- » Community referrals for health and social services
- » Weekly on-site visits by health insurance enrollment assisters, community health workers, housing staff, and a local physician.
- » Connections to laundry assistance and shower passes

### – GIVING OPPORTUNITIES –

Your deepest gratitude to the Gorge community for your long-time support of Hood River Shelter Services and our Warming Shelter. We depend on the community and would not be able to open the doors of the shelter without you. Your support comes in many forms including serving as volunteers and donating funds and needed items. Thank you so much for supporting our work and providing a safe place to sleep during the winter.

#### Volunteer

We are entering our 10th season of shelter operations and would love to have you join our team of volunteers! All volunteers go through a training on-site, then can choose the shifts that work for their availability and schedule. We hope you will join our team!

**Contact:** Sarah Kellems, Director,  
Hood River Shelter Services with your questions or to sign up for a volunteer training  
[director@hoodrivercares.org](mailto:director@hoodrivercares.org)

#### Donate

Your gift truly makes a difference in our community. Hood River Shelter Services is a 501c3 non-profit organization registered through Gorge Ecumenical Ministries. All donations are tax deductible.

We accept monetary donations as well as needed items for our shelter. If you have items you would like to donate, please contact us at [info@hoodrivercares.org](mailto:info@hoodrivercares.org).

#### **WAYS TO GIVE**

- » On our website:  
[hoodrivercares.org/donate](http://hoodrivercares.org/donate)
- » By mailing a check to  
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