

Boulder Shelter for the Homeless

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Meet Hobart!

The Shelter's Newest Addition Can Slice 14 lbs. of Potatoes in 1 Minute!

Courtesy of a thoughtful gift from the Louise and Y. T. Lum Foundation, Hobart now sits proudly in our kitchen. Also known as a HOBART FP 150 Commercial Food Processor, Hobart allows us to expand our menu, increase the creativity of what we can prepare, and boost the amount of fresh food we're able to serve each day. Hobart also saves our volunteers hours and hours of chopping each day.

Marybeth Bannon, our Kitchen Manager, is flat-out elated: "I can get more fresh vegetables and fruit that we usually don't order from the food bank, like whole potatoes, cabbages, apples, carrots, peppers, and onions. Also blocks of cheese."

One example of what Hobart can do: they recently made carrot ginger bisque, with fresh carrots. "Fresh Carrots from Now On!" is now one of Marybeth's fight songs.

We'd like to thank two volunteers for making this possible: Rachel Lum, for recommending us to the Foundation, and Mike Kanda, who arranged a matching gift from his employer (Terumo Blood and Cell Technologies) to obtain Hobart's shredding blade.

And please let Marybeth know if you'd like to help accessorize Hobart further! She has a gleam in her eye for... a dicer.

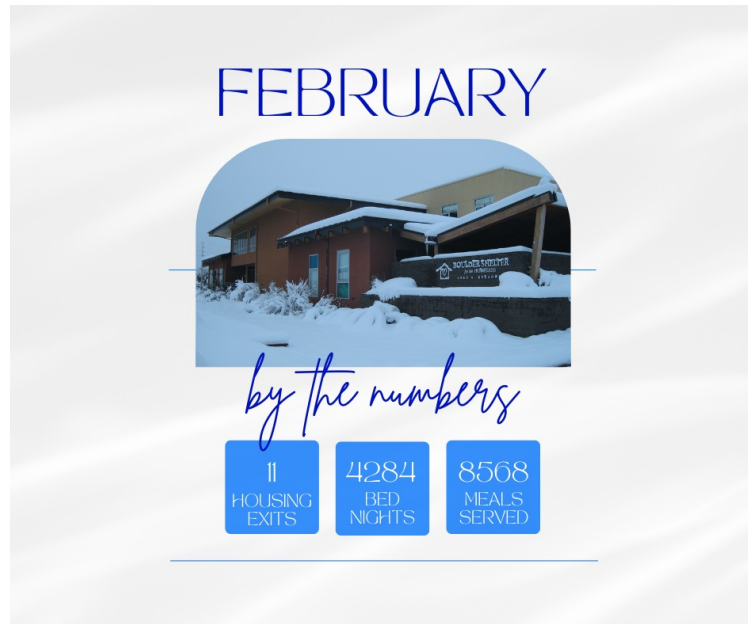
Watch Marybeth demo the Hobart in this video!





Our February Shelter Statistics

- We had 11 housing exits! A housing exit is a happy ending here at the Shelter. This means our team housed 1 person every 2.55 days in February!
- We had 4,284 bed nights. Bed nights is the total number of individuals who slept at the Shelter each night. We averaged 153 clients per night this past month.
- We served 8,568 meals. Our amazing kitchen staff and volunteers made sure that each client had breakfast and dinner during their stays at the Shelter.



Volunteer Highlight

An Invaluable Volunteer Recounts a Memorable Breakfast

Anne is one of our longest-serving volunteers. A professional in healthcare IT, she first volunteered with the Shelter back in the late 1980's in one of our former buildings, an old hotel. She's helped us out in a lot of different capacities over the years, and she appreciates the diversity of experiences that the Shelter offers.

Her favorite aspects of volunteering? One is interacting with the residents, getting to know them, and seeing how appreciative they usually are for our services. Another is finding out that a resident she's gotten to know over time has been able to get their own housing. And, as someone who doesn't cook very regularly at home, she also gets a kick out of helping to preparing dinner for 160.

How have things changed since she's been volunteering? One big change has been how the Shelter has ramped up its efforts to place residents in their own housing. Another major change is in the kitchen: back in the day, we used to serve a hodgepodge of whatever we could get. "One morning breakfast was pancakes and corn on the cob." These days the meals are much more impressive and a little less unpredictable.



Finally, she has this advice for new volunteers:

"Be open to the experience, and you'll get the most out of it when you genuinely focus on each person you're working with."



Vision Ridge Partners

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Vision Ridge Partners – an investment company specializing in sustainable assets in energy, transportation, and agriculture – visited the Shelter for a corporate day of service on Friday, 2/24/23.

The Vision Ridge volunteers helped us to organize our in-kind donations, which was a big help to us: in the winter we don't have the time or manpower to organize our donations, and this service allows our staff to hand out supplies quickly to people who need them.

The volunteers later spoke with our Interim CEO, Mike Block, about homelessness here in Boulder and the Shelter's housing-focused innovations to create sustainable solutions to homelessness. They also made a much-appreciated donation to our programs!

We are grateful for the time and service of all our corporate partners, and we are excited that our community relationships in Boulder now include **the fantastic team at Vision Ridge Partners**.

Thank You for Your Support!

The Boulder Shelter began as a grassroots community effort to address homelessness in our community.

Today we are grateful for the ongoing support of our community, *and the active involvement by our volunteers and donors. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.*

Visit Our Website to Volunteer or Donate



Is There Anything else I Can do to Help?



We're on the hunt for eggs for our Kitchen

Eggs are expensive and high prices are expected to continue. One case of eggs costs nearly \$100 and makes one breakfast.

The easiest way to donate is to purchase Costco, King Soopers, or Safeway gift cards and mail them to:

Boulder Shelter
(Attn: Kitchen Manager)
4869 N. Broadway Boulder,
CO 80304.

Thank you for your "eggseptional" support!



Sign Up for King Soopers Community Rewards

This program makes giving easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day.

Once you link your Card to the Boulder Shelter, all you have to do is shop at King Soopers and swipe your Shopper's Card.

Make a donation with every purchase **at no cost to you!**

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