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SUN COMMUNITY SERVICE



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BACKGROUND

Sun Community Service has been active in Whatcom County since 1975. Currently, we operate Sun House, a transitional housing/emergency shelter and two permanent supportive housing sites.





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PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES



Sun Community Service's mission is to:

- 01 Provide emergency shelter and housing
- 02 Provide a safe, stable environment for individuals to address their mental health and wellbeing
- 03 Provide basic needs and meals
- 04 Provide medication support and monitoring
- 05 Provide individualized case management support to meet resident goals around housing



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OUR RESIDENTS:

01

Individuals experiencing homelessness

02

Individuals with a mental health diagnosis

03

Individuals exiting institutional settings. Ex: incarceration, hospitalization, SUD treatment

04

Individuals with low to no income



Quick Facts:

- Sun House can house up to 10 people at any one time .
- Staffing is 24/7 with an on-call manager available as well .
- Our programs are substance free
- Community Partners : Opportunity Council, Whatcom County Health and Community Services, City of Bellingham, The Waystation, Mental Health Court, Lake Whatcom Center, Lifeline Connections, Western Washington University

Locations:

- Sun House
- Nevada St. (PSH)
- Greggie's Place (PSH)



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2024 Data

SUN HOUSE BY THE NUMBERS

In 2024, Sun House served 25 unique individuals

50% of unique individuals exited to permanent housing

29% of unique individuals exited to transitional or institutional settings

Our case management program pilot proved essential to transition people into housing opportunities

84% of our residents were engaged in services with external Whatcom County community partners like GRACE, LEAD, and Mental Health Court

The average income of Sun House residents was \$623 .





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Whatcom County

SOURCE OF FUNDS

The majority of the funding for Sun Community Service comes from contracts with Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for both Sun House and our PSH sites. Historically, we have received additional funds from United Way of Whatcom County and EFSP.

- We receive occasional financial support in the form of small monetary donations from community members and occasional donations of material goods from the community at large.



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01



Assist with operational needs such as:
purchasing food, hygiene products,
clothing, ID fees, medication co -pays,
transportation, , etc.

02



Assist with combating the rising costs
of the supplies needed to operate an
emergency shelter such as meal
ingredients, household goods, utilities,
etc.

03



Assist with the costs of professional
services such as bookkeeping, pest
management, housing maintenance,
and repairs.

EXPECTED IMPACT OF UNITED WAY FUNDS



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT



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