Dedicated to finding solutions for the Portland homeless by private citizens and Portland companies in collaboration with others.
History, Mission, and the Community Need We’re Addressing

HISTORY

Oregon Harbor of Hope (OHOH) was founded by Homer Williams, a Portland real estate developer and businessman. Williams was inspired after a trip to San Antonio where he toured Haven for Hope, a homeless campus that brought a fresh and multi-service approach to the many difficulties facing homeless populations.

He and Don Mazziotti began assembling a team to develop a Haven for Hope-inspired organization to serve the significant and growing challenges facing Portland’s homeless community.

THE NEED

We are in a state of emergency. Despite an unprecedented effort by local governments over the last several years and months to marshal more resources, expand shelter space and increase services to the homeless, the crisis is deepening. For example:

• Seven-hundred new individual shelter spaces were added in Multnomah County during 2017.

• The City recently passed a $258 million affordable housing bond measure.

• A great number of public, faith-based, volunteer and nonprofit entities have focused on the problem for months and, in many cases, years.

• The joint office, A Home for Everyone initiative by the City and County, has made a major and positive difference in addressing many aspects of the homeless problem.

And yet, 88 homeless people died on the street in Multnomah County in 2016, and in November 2016, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) reported that 60.5% of Oregon’s homeless population is unsheltered, ranking 49th among the 50 states. The problem is growing.

MISSION

Oregon Harbor of Hope (OHOH) is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit that has assembled a coalition of individuals and organizations to create a series of ‘safe harbors’ and special facilities for the homeless and unsheltered. These safe harbor locations will be operated by the private sector, but will collaborate with city, county, and state agencies, and many nonprofit and faith-based groups.
PHASE ONE

Over the next 24 months, we will create a 24/7, adequately-serviced “safe harbor” to house Portland’s homeless with a focus on Downtown Portland. This phase will also include the implementation of a mobile laundry truck and mobile shower truck to provide basic and essential hygiene opportunities.

PHASE TWO

We will also continue to develop and expand our collaboration and support with other Portland organizations in providing [the homeless] with items such socks, blankets, medical supplies among other needs. We will continue to support the Portland Street Medicine Corps to deliver care on the street and in camps.

PHASE THREE

We will support a combined community effort to add affordable, supportive, transitional, and permanent housing. We will continue to advocate for a transformational campus of services for the homeless – to a job and housing.

These three steps represent a long term strategy that will give homeless people access to a safe, humane place to dwell, a supportive community in which to participate, and the essential services they need to not just survive, but also thrive.
**HIGHEST PRIORITY**

All four of the people who died on Portland’s streets in January, 2017 were alone. Attachment to a homeless village or community with services could have prevented their deaths. That’s why the highest priority need is to create several urgently needed “Safe Harbor” shelters in the Portland area that will:

1. Create safe spaces for unsheltered chronically homeless individuals – including those with pets and partners (if first safe harbor works well, roll out another).

2. Welcome those living with addiction, physical and mental disabilities, and criminal histories. Operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year with no time limit for guests.

3. Provide life essential services (food, sleep areas, restrooms, and showers).

4. Provide opportunities for peer interaction and socialization.

5. Allow personal storage for a reasonable number of possessions.

6. Provide direct connection to medical and mental health services.

**These low-barrier, “safe spaces” that provide full services in a non-coercive environment are a successful and cost-effective approach to:**

- Getting people off the street and meeting their basic, essential life needs
- Stabilizing their situation rapidly
- Connecting them with transformational programming that can lead to employment and permanent housing
### Anticipated Costs & Goals for 2018

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Operating costs (staff, project managers, administrative support, rent and overhead) in the amount of $150,000 have already been paid for through existing donor contributions.

### Giving Opportunities

Oregon Harbor of Hope's mission and the good work that will result depend on support and collaboration. We are seeking donations of funds or in-kind tax-deductible charitable contributions. OOH donors are welcome to specify/apply donations to a specific project.
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