

How do safe legal places for the homeless to camp benefit the community?



- Providing options for people camping illegally in natural habitats and public spaces or on private property.
- Saving public funds from clean-up and restoration costs.
- Helping minimize the need for law enforcement and emergency services.
- Providing a structure that encourages individual life improvements for the chronically homeless, the economically disadvantaged, and those with physical & mental disabilities.
- Making it easier for social service agencies to connect with those that need their services the most.
- Providing an environment of peer support which fosters building relationships, learning responsibility, understanding one's unique social challenges, and learning empathy for the challenges of others.

What is Community Supported Shelters?



We are a 501(c)3 non profit group building a network of caring people to support people on the streets and in less fortunate circumstances. Our volunteers are inspired to be involved in a hands-on approach because they can see the positive impact it makes in the lives of others.

Our main purpose is to provide safe and legal emergency shelters for people in need and connect them with services and opportunities needed to improve their unique life situation.



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Supported Shelters

Providing Basic Shelter For Stability, Empowerment, and Hope



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Eugene Safe Spots



Giving Back to Eugene

The Safe Spot communities work with Parks and Open Spaces of Eugene to help clean up and maintain city parks. In 2015, Safe Spot residents volunteered 450 hours giving back to the local Eugene community!



Different Ways to Get Involved with CSS



CSS manages legal places for the homeless to camp, called Safe Spots. Safe Spots provide a basic but livable environment for people without other shelter options.

Features of Safe Spots:

1. Set of rules that provide a system of support to residents and neighbors
2. Porta-potties
3. Trash/recycling service
4. A source of drinkable water
5. Fire pit
6. Common space for cooking, meetings, and staying warm and dry
7. Platforms and covers for small tents
8. Bi-weekly check-in meetings
9. A physical address (not for mail)
10. An environment that makes peer and social support more of a possibility for people.



Conestoga Huts

The Conestoga Hut is an inexpensive, simple-to-build, durable and lockable micro-shelter. The shelter emphasizes keeping users safe and secure. Huts are placed at churches and businesses throughout Eugene and Springfield.



If you belong to a church or business who is interested in becoming a partnering site please call or email us!

- Bring us your leftover building materials and/or help us connect with local businesses that have unused building materials.
- Donate supplies to the Safe Spots by coordinating with CSS.
- Make small, large, or super-sized tax-deductible donations to help support CSS financial needs.
- Sign up to receive the CSS monthly e-news at our website in a few clicks!
- Send us an email with your skills, talents, or passion for helping. We will set up an interview to find out how to best plug you into the CSS community!

