

Our mission is to provide shelter, resources, support and services to unhoused families with minor children and unhoused individuals to help them become self-sufficient and obtain and retain stable housing.

Winter Nights Family Shelter, Inc is a non-profit in its 21st season, focusing on the needs of unhoused families with children as well as individuals and families living in their cars, and the needs of the alumni programs. We partner with over 48 faith communities and community groups, as well as other nonprofits and government agencies, to provide and help clients find stable and affordable housing. 2500-3000 local volunteers participate each year.

The most important impact we have on our community is changing the lives and futures of our clients: assisting families, children and individuals to independence, stability and forward momentum to a great future. Clients from the Family Shelter and Safe Parking Programs have the opportunity to take the time to regroup, look at what they need to change or what needs to be taken care of, and map out a path forward with our support. We see the changes. Their confidence is restored, their resilience is amplified, and the sense of their own futures is bright. For many clients, it interrupts a generational cycle, and everyone benefits tremendously. Imagine the dignity of a shower and the hope that comes from an accepting and supportive community of clients working toward their goals. Having a car repaired and finding a job or a better paying job is something to celebrate. Seeing their children settle, thrive and get academic support to do well in school means the world. Ultimately, (hopefully) finding housing they can sustain is priceless to them and to the energy and vigor of the community.