

## OUR IMPACT

Since 2004:

# 1263

Lives impacted

# 758

Children served

# 60+

Faith Congregations come together to host and serve

# 12

Hours of tutoring  
*offered each week*

***“Winter Nights is the hand that holds you up so you can take care of what you need to.”***

FORMER WINTER NIGHTS CLIENT



**WINTER NIGHTS**  
Family Shelter

## Please Join Us

Volunteers and donors like you to make a difference in the lives of families.

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# Helping Families Home



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# Families Belong Together

Winter Nights Family Shelter, Inc. strengthens families by keeping them together at a difficult time. The generosity of local congregations and community groups coupled with our own case management services, provide a place to begin to recover from the stress of homelessness and plan for a better future.

***“There are not enough family shelter beds in the county and our small investments leverages an incredible amount of donated staff, space and food from the participating faith based groups.”***

LAURA ESCOBAR, DIRECTOR, SAFETY NET PROGRAMS EFSP

## HOW WE HELP

### Family Shelter Program

A secure, supportive environment for parents and children. Hosted by local faith communities.

### Meals

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

### Transportation

Available to take kids to school and parents to work.

### Tutoring

Provided by tutors who work with kids during their time at the shelter.

### Activities for Children

Organized by volunteers include birthday parties, arts and crafts, and trips to museums and parks.

### Employment Support

Help is provided to update resumés and support job searches.

### Case Management

Guidance and support so families can address the challenges to obtaining and sustaining housing.

### Parking Lot Program

An overnight parking lot, for families, individuals and couples living in their cars.

### A Day Center

Available to Shelter and Parking Lot Program clients. Showers, restrooms, and case management services are available.

### A Continued Success Program

A follow up team ensures that families have access to resources to stay housed.

***“Sometimes people just want somebody to care. I think all shelters should be like Winter Nights.”*** FORMER WINTER NIGHTS CLIENT

## MEET A FAMILY...

When Robert, Alison and their four children moved to California they had no idea that they would be using YouTube to learn to live in a van. The Marine veteran and his wife were left homeless after a series of challenges. These loving parents never let their children know it was anything more than an adventure. They woke to watch the sunrise, got breakfast, and went to school and work. Alison did her make up in the restroom at the mall. Robert diligently called shelters and housing agencies for help. Many were full. Some did not accept families, together.

**Christmas 2019, Santa left presents in the back of their van.**

## ...WHO STAYED WITH WINTER NIGHTS

The family desperately needed a place to stay and in January, Robert heard that a Parking Lot Program had opened nearby. He was told to call Bill Shaw, Program Director for The Winter Nights Family Shelter.

The wheels of change began to turn.

The following night Robert, Alison and their children were safely parked at the Parking Lot Program of Winter Nights. The next morning when the kids went to school, and Alison went to work, Robert continued working hard on obtaining housing for him and his family.

## ...AND FOUND A WAY HOME.

When space became available, the family moved into the Winter Nights Family Shelter, trading their van for a large tent in the community hall. Volunteers provided all the meals and the children thrived in the tutor program. Two made the honor roll! The video truck came the first weekend to everyone's delight. The four kids could be kids, and Alison and Robert could focus on plans for their future.

In collaboration with our many partners, the family was stably housed in March. They have a steady income and a plan for the future. At Winter Nights, we are grateful to have served them.