

What We Offer

Safety

We are trained volunteers that hold space for our friends that need shelter. We create a safe space for all people and their animals to seek refuge from dangerous and inclement weather.

Access

Access to shelter for those seeking it over night time hours.

Our primary service offering is shelter from the outdoors. Far too many of our neighbors experiencing housing instability.

Our weather is increasingly extreme and unpredictable. When you combine low temperatures, high winds and precipitation there is a real risk of hypothermia.

There are currently no emergency shelter services past 8:00p in Meadville.

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As a host site's facilities and conditions accommodate, and our volunteers skills and passions allow, we will offer additional services.

How it works...

- ✓ A Cold Weather Event is identified, volunteers and partners are notified by 6p
- ✓ Volunteers hold space for persons and their animals that need shelter during cold weather events.
- ✓ We Welcome our neighbors at 8p and say Farewell at 7a
- ✓ We have three (3) shifts overnight for volunteers
- ✓ We use available space to provide:
 - Warm & Dry Shelter
 - Cots
 - Blankets
 - Kennels
 - Toilets
 - Boot warmer
 - Phone Chargers

You can Help!

Get involved in making sure that unsheltered persons and animals in Meadville have a place to exist overnight in inclement weather!

Volunteer Orientation and Training includes:

- SAM Mission and Values
- Organizational Structure
 - Roles and Responsibilities
 - Schedule and Set-Up Needs
 - Welcome Procedure
 - Farewell Procedure
 - Safety and Security
 - Health and Care Considerations
 - Communication Plan
- Relevant Topics
 - The Experience of Homelessness
 - Stigma
 - Trauma 101
 - Conflict Resolution
 - De-Escalation Techniques

SAM | Shelter Area Meadville is a mutual help organization created to protect our unhoused neighbors from the increasingly frequent inclement weather.

We are volunteers working to hold space for those seeking shelter on evenings where the temperature is projected to fall to or below 25° F with or without Wind Chill between November 15th and March 31st.

We are modeled after the Our Neighbor's Place program started by the Erie United Methodist Alliance (EUMA).

EUMA lends SAM their experience, strength, and hope, as well as their institutional support to meet the needs of our neighbors left out in the cold.

About

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& ask about SAM

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Overnight during
Life's Storms...*

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