

# Letter: Barton helps South Shore homeless

To the community,

On behalf of the Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless, I would like to thank Barton Health employees and physicians for their incredible generosity.

More than 647 employees in 35 departments participated in a fundraising drive for the South Lake Tahoe Warm Room. Employees and physicians raised \$2,040 in funds and donated more than 3,000 items – approximately \$8,000 in value – totaling more than \$10,000 in donations.

Barton Health's contributions will help homeless individuals stay warm, prevent cold-related illnesses, and address some of the hurdles of overcoming homelessness. Examples of items donated include beanies, socks and gloves, instant soups and oatmeal, toiletries, and dog and cat food.

The Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless is working together to end homelessness on the South Shore with community partners, including Barton Health. We aim to provide short term assistance to our friends and neighbors who find themselves without housing this winter, and to provide resource referrals to help break the cycle of homelessness.

The Coalition currently is seeking volunteers and donations for this winter. Call 775.573.0822 or email [tahowarmroom@gmail.com](mailto:tahowarmroom@gmail.com) for more information. Volunteer training sessions are scheduled for Dec. 1 from 6-8:30pm and Dec. 8 from 10am-12:30pm.

Together, we can all make a difference in helping members of our community who need our support.

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