Letter: Homeless Coalition grateful for support

To the community,

On behalf of Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless, I would like to thank our community for a successful opening of the South Lake Tahoe Warm Room.

Peggy Eichorn and Kelly Pelcher from Coldwell Banker McKinney were instrumental in the search for a location for the Warm Room, and have been an unwavering partner in the project. We thank them for their support. Also, the coalition is grateful to Star Lake Investments for use of their facilities.

We also appreciate those who helped make the South Lake Tahoe Warm Room safe for overnight guests. Rob Worth, Jim Pelcher, and Erik Finkelstein of Innovative Electric donated labor in order to complete our building upgrades. Dan Graham at Tahoe Valley Electric donated supplies as well. South Lake Tahoe is very fortunate to have individuals and businesses like these supporting nonprofit efforts such as ours.

Over 40 individuals and 10 partner agencies have come together 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.

Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless is still looking for more volunteers to assist during the 2015-16 winter. Three training sessions are scheduled next month: Jan. 9 from 10am to 12:30pm; Jan. 12 from 1pm to 3:30pm; and Jan. 12 from 6pm to 8:30pm. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless at tahoewarmroom@gmail.com or 775.573.0822.

Donations are also welcomed to aid in funding the Warm Room. Checks can be made payable to Live Violence Free (Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless' fiscal sponsor), note "Warm Room" in the memo line and mail to P.O. Box 13514, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96151.

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