

# Letter: Donor allows warm room to stay open

To the community,

On behalf of the Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless, I would like to thank an anonymous donor who has donated \$4,500 to extend the operating season of the South Lake Tahoe warm room through April 30.

This donation supports our mission of meeting the needs of our neighbors experiencing homelessness by providing warm beds and an overnight refuge from the elements to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the winter months.

In addition to emergency winter shelter, the warm room provides access to community resources. This winter, due to an incredible collaboration in our area, our organization has been able to connect guests with county resources including mental health services; drug and alcohol counseling and rehabilitation programs; employment information; and case management referrals. An intake is performed on warm room guests to gather basic information to assess what resources might be available to her. This season, over 86 percent of warm room guests who provided us with their information reported living in our area – South Lake Tahoe, Stateline, El Dorado/Douglas counties –prior to becoming homeless.

Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless continues to collaborate with community agencies to work together to end homelessness on the South Shore. We appreciate the support of our local community, as we have received donations of funds or supplies from over 200 individuals and businesses this season. To date, our organization has not received any public funds or tax dollars.

Donations are welcomed to aid in funding. Checks can be made

payable to Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless and mailed to P0  
Box 13514, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96151 or on our website at  
<https://tahoehomeless.org>. We can be contacted at  
[tahowarmroom@gmail.com](mailto:tahowarmroom@gmail.com) or 775.573.0822.

Sincerely,

**Marissa Muscat, Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless**