



Men's Night Shelter

Sitka Homeless Coalition (SHC) provides winter night accommodations for unsheltered men in the community.

Our Opportunity

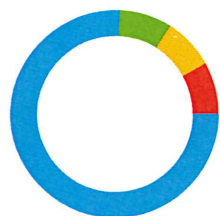
Problem Worth Solving

Unsheltered men facing cold and wet winter sleeping conditions with threat of hypothermia and possible physical assault.

Our Solution

Provide basic care in a warm and dry facility meant for sleeping during the worst winter months of October through April.

Groups Served



Sitka Men	75%
Released from Treatment	8%
Medivacs, other	8%
Men waiting for treatment beds	8%

Similar Services

Salvation Army planned for a shelter but did not open their church sanctuary last winter.

SHC shelter will offer a reliable option with trained volunteers who have established on-going relationships with the unsheltered men.

Resources Needed

1. Month-to-Month lease of Sisters Lane from City of Sitka and placement of portable structure with interior work & outside decking.
2. City utilities hook-up.

Revenue Stream

1. Annual fund-raising event
2. Rasmuson Foundation
3. Local grant opportunities
4. Sitka donors
5. Hearty Pick-Click-Give campaign
6. Well-publicized Amazon Smile program

Milestones

- August 2017 SHC organized
- May 2018 Corporation formed Retro 501(c)3 approval
- June 2018 Brian Wilson – AKCH2 visits Sitka
- December 2018 – Showers and laundry project begins
- Spring 2019 – Local grant funding awarded

Partners and Resources

Coalition Partners

- Sitka Police Department
- Sitka Tribe of Alaska
- Police and Citizens Together
- ANB Camp #1
- ANS Camp #4
- American Legion Post #13
- Sitka Northrim Bank
- Alaska Laundry Center

2018 Grantors

- Alps FCU

2019 Grantors

- First Bank
- White Elephant Shop
- Sitka Legacy Fund
- Sitka Rotary Club
- St. Peters Episcopal Church
- Sitka United Methodist Church
- Relief Beds, Tacoma, WA
- Highliner Coffee Shop
- Raven Copy Center, Kent, WA
- The Salon
- Old Tyme Barber Shop
- Plus many individual Sitkans giving towels, detergents and quarters

Team & Advisors

SHC Board

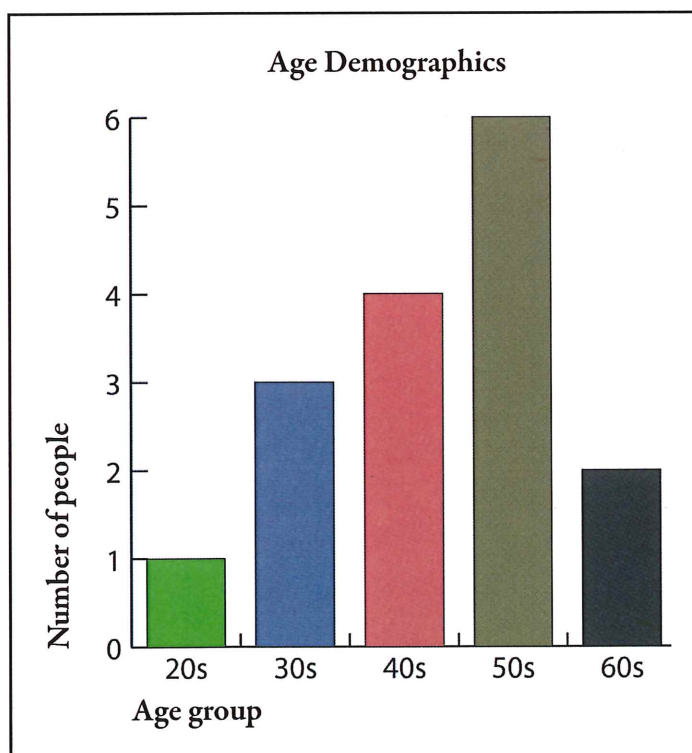
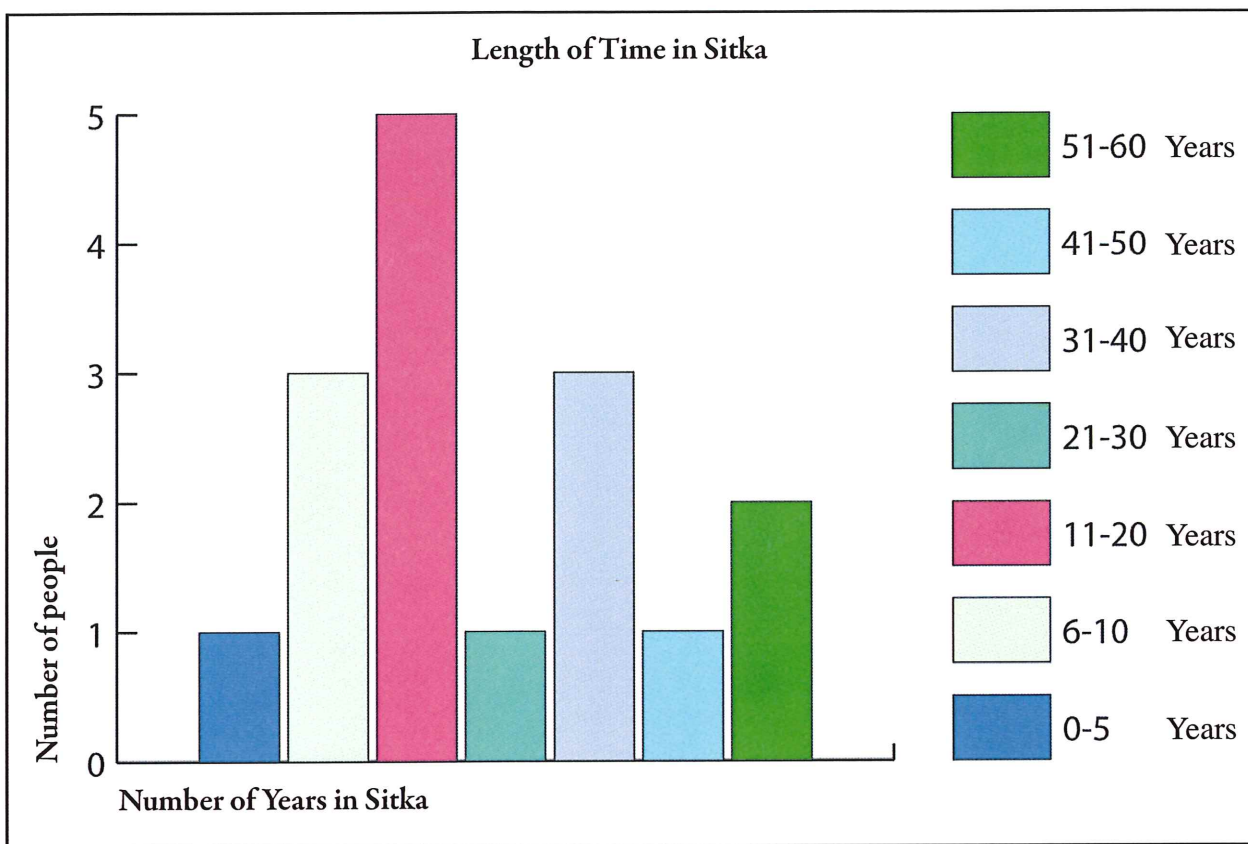
- Margaret Shea
- Bobbie Pendleton
- Paul Young
- Gayle Young
- One vacant seat

Community Advisors and Volunteers

- AJ Bear
- Dorothy Orbison
- Karen Martinsen
- Karen Lucas
- Hannah Green
- Hannah Blanke
- Annie Scheffey
- Lori Lee
- Dorrie Farrell
- Melinda McAdams
- Kristy Corduan
- Jason Mears
- Jeff Ankerfelt and staff
- Liz Marics
- Michael Scarcelli
- Deb Corso
- Mike Matiatos
- Andrew H. Murphy

Demographics Data

Unsheltered Sitkans active with Sitka Homeless Coalition



LOCATIONS CONSIDERED FOR MEN'S WINTER SHELTER

1. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2. ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
3. SITKA LUTHERAN CHURCH
4. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
5. CHURCH OF CHRIST
6. SITKA CHRISTIAN CENTER
7. FORMER FLEMING PAINT CENTER
8. FORMER SITKA ELECTRONICS LAB
9. FORMER MOORE CLINIC
10. FORMER STRATTON LIBRARY
11. FORMER SITKA TREASURES
12. FORMER SITKA CIRQUE
13. FORMER ETOLIN STREET SCHOOL
14. FORMER MT. EDGE CUMBE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
15. FORMER ALPS SPACE ON SMC ROAD
16. SFAC SMOKESTACK BUILDING
17. NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY
18. SITKA FIRE HALL
19. SITKA HOSTEL
20. REMAX REALTY consulted
21. DAVIS REALTY consulted
22. SITKA REALTY consulted
23. DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL STORAGE UNIT
24. PRIVATE HOME ON BACK STREET
25. BIHA PROPERTY FOR CAMPGROUND
26. 106 KELLY STREET
27. 704 SMC ROAD
28. 223 SMITH STREET
29. 180 PRICE STREET
30. MARINE SERVICE CENTER
31. FORMER CITY INCINERATOR building
32. SWAN LAKE SENIOR CENTER
33. UAS LOADING DOCK
34. ASSEMBLY OF GOD
35. EAGLE QUEST MINISTRIES
36. GRACE HARBOR CHURCH
37. GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
38. SALVATION ARMY CHURCH
39. SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
40. SITKA CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
41. ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Not-Complete History of
Working to Shelter the Unsheltered
Sitka
2019**

- From 1899, when it was constructed until about five years ago, St. Peter's Episcopal Church sanctuary was left open for night shelter.
- Elder Marjorie Ward remembers in the 1950s that the City built bunks and put oil stove in an abandoned house near the Pioneer Bar and it was always open for shelter. This may have been the house called Snake Pit I.
- * After the demise of Snake Pit I (from fire?), sheltering was taken in a house located behind the Pioneer Bar and was called Snake Pit II
- * The Easter Group, in 2013, created a Strategic Plan to shelter unsheltered Sitkans that had as its goal the construction of transitional housing in concert with Baranof Island Housing Authority. The group appears to have never launched this Plan.
- * A small group of STA tribal citizens banded together to work towards creating shelter for unsheltered Sitkans. Participants included Fran Abeyta, MaryAnn Abeyta-Nells, Ange Grant and Jason Mears.
- * Sitka Homeless Coalition formed in August 2017. Joined with the Presbyterian Church group which was also working on sheltering the unsheltered at that time. In December 2017, this merged group planned to take

CUP application to the Planning Commission but withdrew the application prior to the meeting as the Presbyterians found themselves in the midst of disbanding their congregation.

- * Early 2018, the Sitka Homeless Coalition incorporated. Exhaustive Internet research to identify “best practices” for winter night shelters.
- * SHC Board identified and began meeting May 2018.
- * Brian Wilson from Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness came to meet with Sitkans in late June, 2018. Two well-attended community meetings.
- * August 2018 – SHC began exhaustive campaign to identify suitable shelter location. 41 buildings approached. Owners of some locations approached 2/3x.
- * Late August 2018 – Application seeking non-profit status
- * December 2018 – With no shelter location located, SHC instituted Showers and Laundry Project. Continuing now 2x weekly with locally donated funding.
- * April 2019 – 501(c) 3 status awarded retroactive to May, 2018.
- * May 2019 – SHC presentations to STA Tribal Council and Sitka City Assembly seeking support for location and structure for winter night shelter.

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Alaska Native Sisterhood Camp #5 and many Sitkans



Possible shelter construction