WINTER SHELTER UPDATE

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A WHOLE COMMUNITY APPROACH



INVEST IN LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS

- BUILDING MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING
 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS HIRING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM SPECIALIST
 - New COVID-19 Funding support
- FUNDING SUPPORT SERVICES NEEDED FOR SUCCESS

ADDRESS HOUSING NEEDS AS A HEALTH DETERMINANT

FINDINGS OF COVID-19 COMMUNITY HEALTH

Focus of Our Planning



BUILD UPON CURRENT RESOURCES

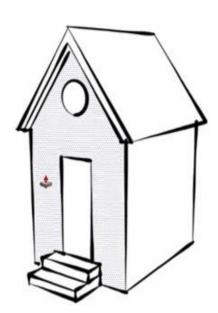
PARTNER WITH
 ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE
 EXPERIENCE IN THIS WORK

PRIORITIZE SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE

Families w/children

BUILDING CAPACITY

- 30 NEW TINY HOMES (GARDEN VIEW)
- 25 TINY HOMES (SWIFTHAVEN)
- 25 YOUNG ADULT BEDS WITH NWYS
- 10 BEDS FOR SENIOR WOMEN AT YWCA
- 200 BEDS AT BASECAMP
- 40 overflow beds CTK
- INCREASED MOTEL



WHERE TO GO?

- BASE CAMP FOR CHECK IN (1530 CORNWALL AVE.)
- COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER AT THE OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL (360-734-5121)
- 360-788-7983 FOR OPEN SHELTERS