

**Community Benefit Program: Respite Care**

**Hospital (City, State):** PeaceHealth Scared Heart Medical Center, Eugene, Oregon

**CHNA Identified Priority Need: Housing**

**Program Goal:** Provide safe & supported housing for patients recovering from illness and experiencing homelessness

**Program Strategy (What are you doing to achieve your goal?)**

*Establish 11 personal shelters with enhanced care services for healing and recuperation*

**Implementation Strategy Goal:**

*Bridge the discharge to homelessness care gap*

**Hospital Resources & Funding**

- Operational costs (utilizes & staff)

**Other/Partner Resources & Funding Sources**

- Lane County Department of Human Services (Shelter Units)
- Community support

**Key Partnerships**

- Everyone Village
- Eugene School District
- Volunteers in Medicine

**Impact & why is this important:**

\*In first year, over 1,000 nights of shelter provided for individuals with complex needs that did not qualify for other post-acute care options

\*Established a home base from which coordinated care can be implemented, including home health

\*Reduces hospital readmissions and lower utilization of acute care services

\*Food as medicine for improved health outcomes

\*Honors human dignity

\*Future preventative care opportunities (Colonoscopy)

