How do CSS Safe Spots benefit the whole community?

- Save public funds from clean-up and restoration costs associated with illegal camping.
- Provide a social structure that encourages life improvements and holds people accountable.
- Minimize need for law enforcement and emergency services.
- Increase opportunities for social service agencies and community groups to connect with people who otherwise would be challenging to connect with.
- Foster peer-supported environments to promote positive relationships, learning about responsibilities, empathy building, and life-skill enrichment.
- Strengthen our community by offering disadvantaged populations the opportunity to stabilize and create successful lives.

Contact Information

Office hours
Mon: 12pm to 2pm
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We accept donations at our website!

Providing Basic Shelter For Stability, Empowerment, and Hope

Our main purpose is to provide safe and legal shelter options for people in homelessness and help connect them with services and opportunities that can improve their unique circumstances.

We are a 501c3 nonprofit organization building a network of caring people to support people in homelessness.

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Safe Spot Communities

CSS Safe Spots are legal encampments designed to help people in homelessness find stability, peer support, and help with working towards their goals.

Main Features:

1. Rules and expectations outlined in a Governance Handbook
2. Weekly porta-potty and trash service
3. Kitchen with running water and propane cooking stove
4. Common space with a woodstove
5. Raised platforms with covers for tents or Conestoga Huts
6. Two monthly group meetings to discuss camp issues and social needs
7. Work parties to maintain camp grounds and address other needs.
8. Monthly check-in with each client to develop a relationship and to assist them in connecting to services
9. Weekly food deliveries from the CSS food pantry team
10. Clients can receive mail at the office
11. Builds life skills

Conestoga Huts

The Conestoga Hut is an inexpensive, simple-to-build, durable, and lockable micro-shelter. The shelter emphasizes keeping clients safe and secure. Huts are placed at churches and businesses.

The interior of the Conestoga Hut offers sixty square feet of living space. CSS Huts provide a covered porch space, lockable door, window with curtains, coat hooks, bed frame with mattress, and a carbon monoxide/smoke alarm.

If you are interested in building a Conestoga Hut for a program or personal use, a construction manual is available for purchase through our website.

How can I get involved?

- Sign up for our quarterly e-newsletter
- Sign up for a Safe Spot Community tour
- Contribute supplies to a Safe Spot (current list on CSS website)
- Donate financially (the majority of our funding comes from everyday people)
- Donate firewood to help keep our camps warm in the winter
- Advocate with your local neighborhood group to host shelter options
- Check out our current volunteer needs on our website and send us an email with your skills and/or interest