

# Solace: Community, Comfort, and Care at Life's End



- Housing and care for those who fall through the cracks
  - Experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity
  - Living with mental health and/or substance use issues
  - Limited social or financial resources
- Hospice eligible
- Service model
  - House or apartment near downtown or on bus line
  - Paid caregiving and admin staff
  - Expect heavy volunteer involvement
  - Aim: nurture physical comfort, emotional and spiritual wholeness, and individual dignity as people die.



# The need

- 5 years ago, based on a HSC membership survey we estimated between 15-20 people/year would need end of life housing and care
- Hospital discharge planners see a need
- Longest Night Service: decreasing numbers of homeless deaths
- People may *survive instead of die* if given shelter, food, care
- Need for respite



# Survey Monkey

- Of the clients you serve, how many in a year's time are likely to need housing and care as they near death?
- Are your clients receiving adequate end of life care (through providers, existing social services, hospice agencies, home health etc?)
- Comments