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