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CITY COMMISSION STUDY SESSION
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PRESENTATION BY
LEAVENWORTH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 453**

JULY 15, 2025

Dr. Kellen Adams, Superintendent of Leavenworth Unified School District No. 453 will provide an update to the City Commission.

**STUDY SESSION POLICY REPORT
PRESENTATION BY
LEAVENWORTH INTERFAITH COMMUNITY OF HOPE**

JULY 15, 2025

ISSUE:

Candy Dials, Board Chair of Leavenworth Interfaith Community of Hope will present to the City Commission.



ANNUAL REPORT

SHARING GOD'S HOPE AND LOVE BY EQUIPPING PEOPLE TO END,
OR PREVENT, THEIR HOMELESSNESS **IN LEAVENWORTH COUNTY**

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▶ 2024



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Leavenworth Interfaith Community
of Hope Night Shelter

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“ We live like... Jesus is our key. People are our point. Worship is our passion. Community is our design. Faith is our response. Generosity is our norm. **SERVING IS OUR PRIVILEGE.**

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY OF HOPE

HISTORY The Leavenworth Interfaith Community of Hope was founded on a vision of compassion and service, thanks to the leadership of Sister Vickie Perkins and the dedication of many volunteers. This journey began on January 27, 2014, with the launch of Welcome Central, a program designed to provide social service counseling and free transportation assistance. As the year progressed, it became evident that many individuals seeking support were also experiencing homelessness, sparking discussions about the urgent need for a shelter.

By December 2014, the first Night Shelter opened on the second floor of Catholic Charities, offering a safe place for those in need. The overwhelming support from the community, churches, and individuals made it possible to expand these services further. In January 2018, the Leavenworth Interfaith Community of Hope moved into its permanent home at 311 Kiowa. This new space allowed all programs—Welcome Central, the Night Shelter, and the Day Center—to operate under one roof, providing a comprehensive support system for individuals facing homelessness in Leavenworth County.

WHO WE ARE

At the Leavenworth Interfaith Community of Hope, we share God’s hope and love by equipping individuals with the support they need to overcome or prevent homelessness in Leavenworth County. Our mission is carried out through three core programs: the Day Center, Night Shelter, and Welcome Central.

Beyond these essential services, we take a holistic approach to care, ensuring that those experiencing homelessness have access to vital wrap-around support. This includes safe shelter, food security, bi-monthly on-site health services, clothing, mental health connections, and more. With dedicated case managers on-site, we work alongside individuals to assess their needs, help them enroll in critical services, and connect them with the resources necessary to regain stability. Our goal is not just to provide immediate relief but to empower each person on their journey toward self-sufficiency.

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CEO STATEMENT



Leading the Leavenworth Interfaith Community of Hope continues to be an incredible privilege, and I am deeply grateful for the unwavering dedication of our staff, volunteers, and supporters. As we reflect on the accomplishments of 2024, this report celebrates the collective impact of every volunteer hour, donation, financial contribution, and act of support that has enabled us to create meaningful change in Leavenworth County. Your steadfast commitment to our mission is invaluable, and we are excited to continue this journey together.

A significant milestone achieved this year is that, for the first time in the history of the Leavenworth Interfaith Community of Hope, we are financially in the black. This achievement paves the way for long-term sustainability and ensures that we can continue our mission with greater confidence and stability.

We could not have reached this point without the incredible support of organizations, businesses, churches, and individuals who have faithfully committed to our cause. Your belief in our mission fuels our progress and empowers us to serve those in need with excellence and compassion.

Another milestone, which several of you participated in, was beginning a Strategic Plan. We would like to thank Jake Potter for guiding us through the beginning stages of our Strategic Planning process. His leadership has provided invaluable direction to our Board, Leadership, and organization as a whole. We look forward to sharing the results of this strategic effort with the community in 2025.

Our commitment to providing the highest level of care and support to individuals experiencing homelessness remains steadfast. Addressing the root causes of homelessness is complex, but we are dedicated to being a part of the solution. By actively pursuing grant opportunities and engaging new donors, we continue to expand our resources and capabilities to meet the growing needs of our community.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your ongoing support of our shelter and mission. Together, we are making a lasting impact, and we look forward to another year of service, growth, and hope.

Myranda Agnew

2024 COMMUNITY OF HOPE STAFF



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Director of Operations



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Night Shelter Director



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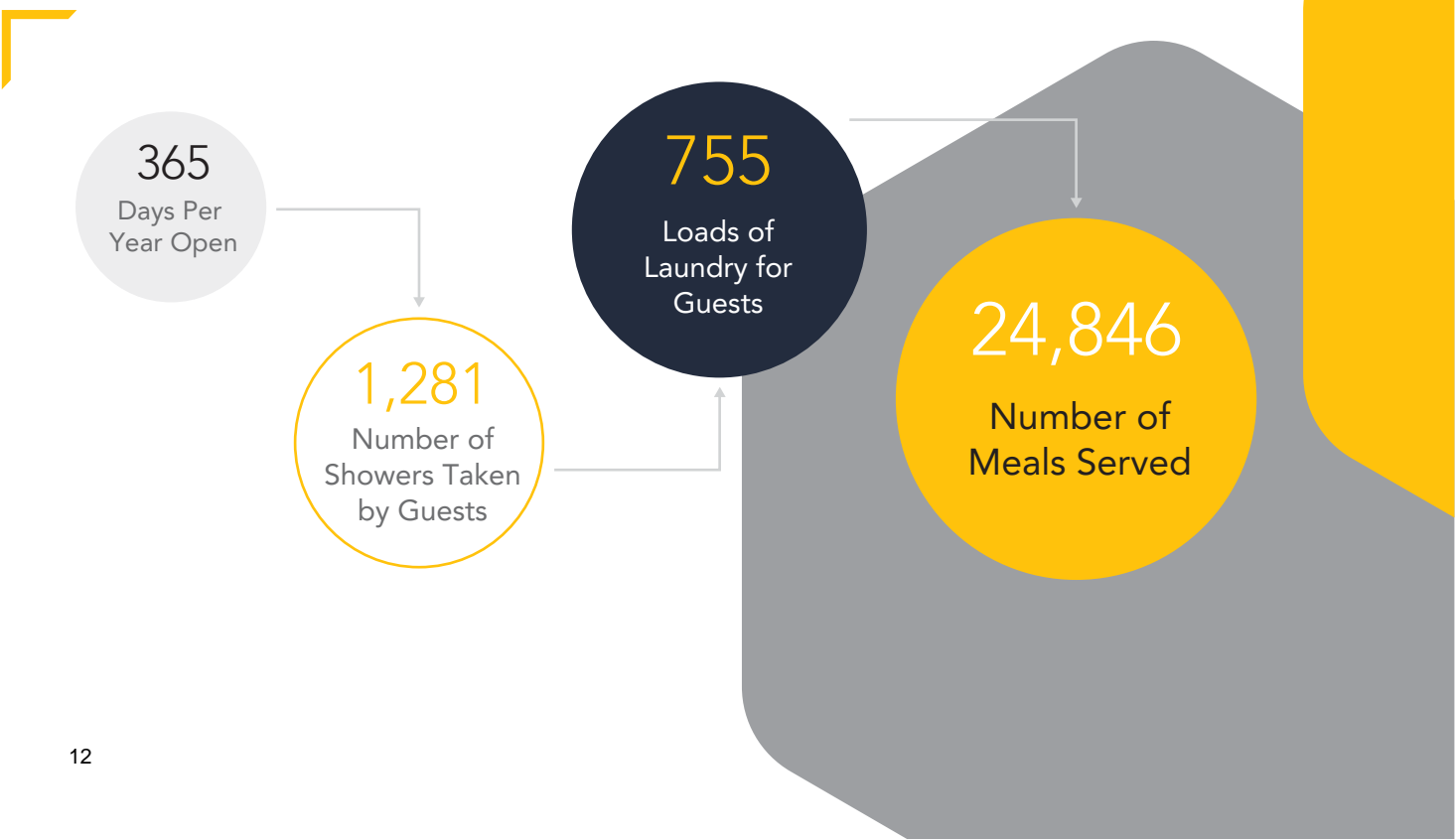
2024 DAY CENTER DATA

The Day Center at the Leavenworth Interfaith Community of Hope serves as a vital resource for individuals experiencing homelessness and those struggling with food insecurity. Guests have access to three daily meals—breakfast, a hot lunch, and a light dinner—along with essential amenities such as showers, laundry facilities, and a clean facilities for daily hygiene tasks. Case management services are also available to support individuals on their path toward stability.

To further reduce barriers, the Community of Hope provides free on-site access to key support services, including:

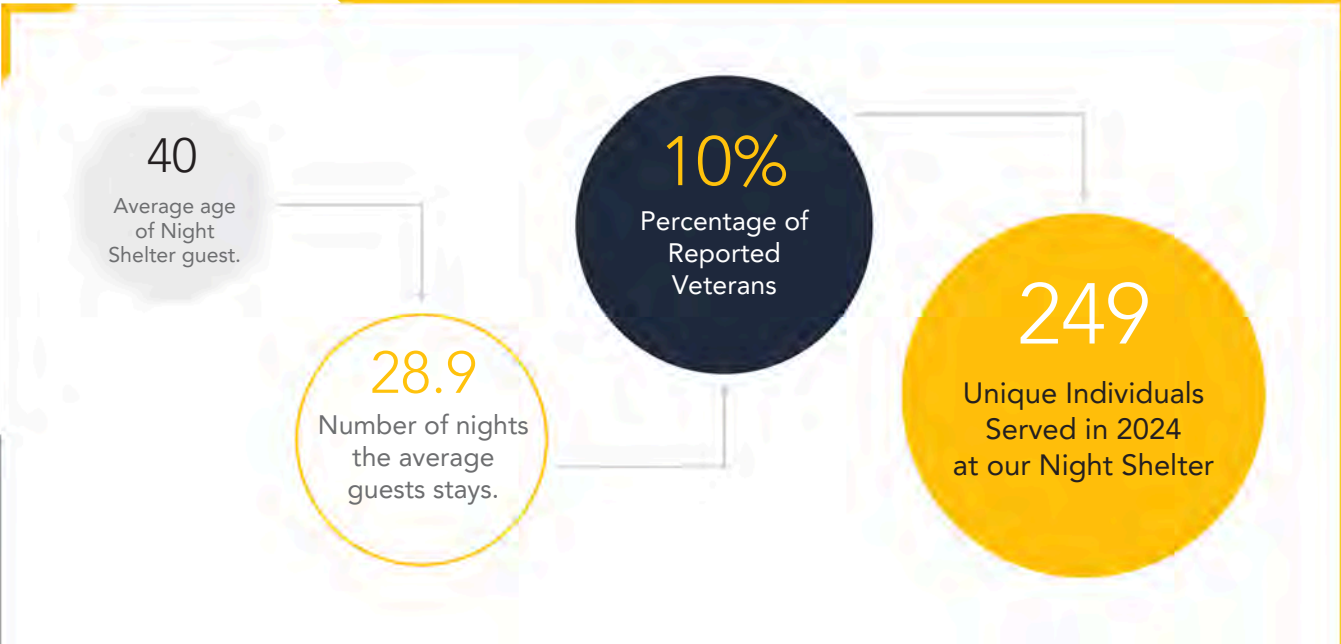
- The Guidance Center: Weekly visits from a housing specialist, employment specialist, and mental health professionals.
- Heartland RADAC (Regional Alcohol and Drug Assessment Center): Weekly support from a case manager specializing in substance use recovery.

The Day Center also plays a crucial role in addressing food insecurity beyond its unhoused guests. Lunch is served Sunday through Friday to anyone in need within the Leavenworth community. In 2024, the Day Center provided nearly 25,000 meals, ensuring that no one in our community goes hungry.



2024 NIGHT SHELTER DATA

In 2024, the Night Shelter provided a safe place to sleep for 249 unique individuals. Guests ranged in age from just 4 months old to 77 years old, with an average age of 40. On average, individuals stayed 28.9 nights before moving on to other arrangements. Of those who stayed at the shelter, 61% were male and 39% were female, while 10% identified as veterans. The following charts further illustrate the impact of our Night Shelter and the diverse individuals who found refuge within our walls.



Men 61%

61% of the individuals served for shelter services in 2024 were men. This is slightly lower than the last 3 years where the percentage of men served is around 70%.



Women 39%

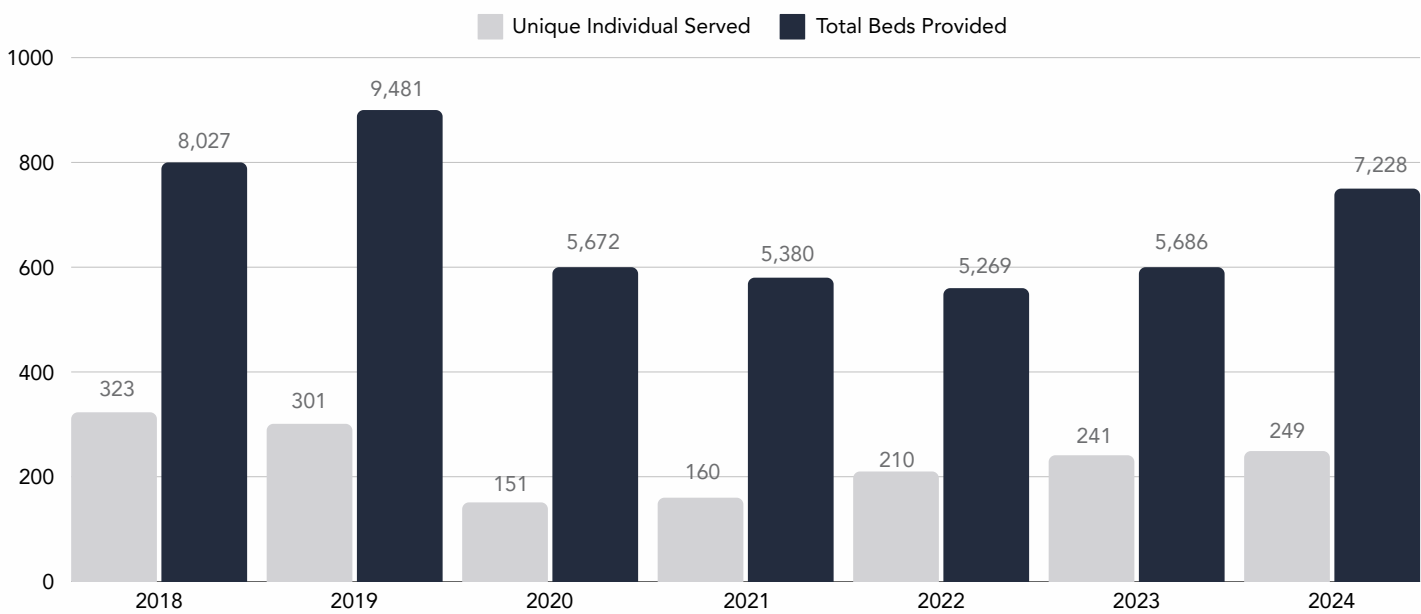
Women made up 39% of individuals who were unhoused and stayed at our Day and Night Shelter in 2024.



Total Beds Provided means the total number of guests checking in each night throughout the year. These are the larger navy numbers. This does include duplicate individuals who stay multiple nights throughout the year. Unique Individuals Served is the total number of individuals served at the Night Shelter throughout the year. This is the grey portion.

BEDS PROVIDED AT NIGHT SHELTER

Organizational Data 2018-2024



The Night Shelter continues to be a vital refuge for individuals experiencing homelessness in Leavenworth County, providing a safe place to sleep every night of the year since opening in January 2018.

In recent years, the demand for shelter has steadily increased, with more individuals seeking refuge and support. Not only are we serving a growing number of guests, but the challenges they face are becoming more complex, often requiring longer stays and additional resources to help them regain stability.

This life-changing program relies on the dedication of 150 incredible volunteers, who serve in three-hour shifts from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Their commitment ensures that every guest is welcomed with warmth, dignity, and support.

At the core of our shelter services is the mission to empower individuals on their journey toward stability. We strive to provide not only a place to rest but also the resources and encouragement needed to help them regain their footing and move forward.

THE COMMUNITY OF HOPE GIVES BACK

Because the community gives so much to the Community of Hope, we make it a priority to give back in return.

Our staff, guests, and volunteers actively participate in community service, fostering a culture of generosity and reminding us that everyone has something to give, no matter their circumstances. One example of this commitment is our Share the Warmth event, where we distributed 174 coats, over 600 pairs of socks, 93 warm hats, 50 pairs of gloves, and hundreds of essential toiletries such as shampoo, lotion, and toothbrushes.

Through efforts like these, we continue to support those in need while strengthening the bonds within our community.

Volunteer Hours Given Back to the Community in 2024

100+

Over the past four years, the Community of Hope has given back more than 600 hours of service to the Leavenworth community. We are committed to expanding these efforts and strengthening our outreach programs to make an even greater impact in the years ahead.

Events Participated In

Annual Street Outreach Point In Time

Back to School Bash

Share the Warmth Coat Giveaway



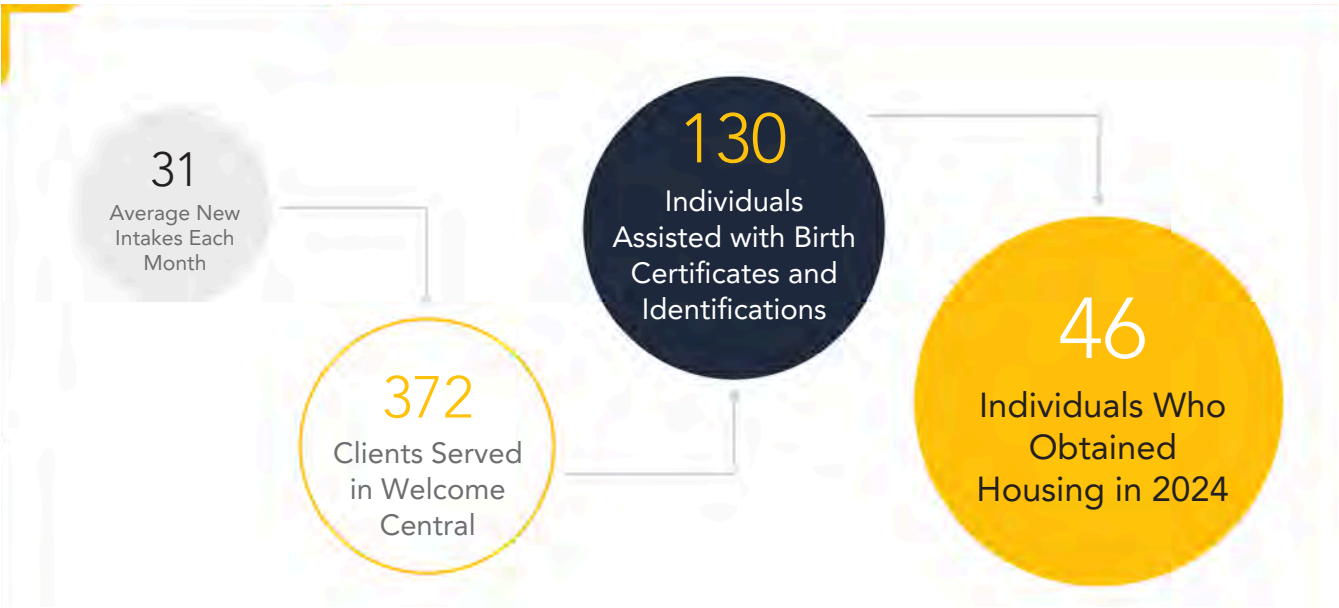
2024 WELCOME CENTRAL DATA

Welcome Central is a program within the Community of Hope that resources those in our community with needs for clothing, food, assistance with rent and utilities, obtaining identification (birth certificate, ID, social security card), helps with applications, and any other resource which helps equip people to end, or prevent, their homelessness.

For those living in poverty as well as the unhoused population, Welcome Central strives to provide wrap-around services with multiple case managers on-site, helping empower and guide individuals towards self-sufficiency by assessing their needs, helping them enroll in vital services, and connecting them with necessary resources to get them back on their feet. We are very excited that we were able to support 46 individuals in obtaining housing in 2024.



One of the 46 individuals who celebrated “moving out day” in 2024, obtaining permanent housing and ending their homelessness.



FINANCIAL REPORT - 2024

Revenues

	% of Revenue	2024
Grants	35.78%	\$141,755.94
Businesses	6.30%	\$24,981.36
Churches	10.36%	\$40,995.70
Individuals	20.26%	\$80,241.76
Organizations	9.09%	\$36,003.48
Fundraising	17.35%	\$68,715.00
Other	0.86%	\$3,414.46
	100%	\$396,107.70



FINANCIAL REPORT - 2024

Statement of Activity Expenditures	2024
Expenditures	
Payroll Expenditures	\$236,211.21
Payroll Tax Expense	\$20,717.75
Program Costs	\$5,821.62
Vehicle	\$1,000.68
Supplies	\$27,058.57
Utilities	\$16,618.22
Insurance	\$10,790.00
IT	\$5,208.06
Legal and Professional Services	\$8,563.60
Office Supplies and Software	\$1,378.33
Repairs & Maintenance	\$6,373.05
Security	\$2,358.57
Fundraiser Expense	\$12,429.18
Other Expenditures	\$29,759.62
Total Expenditures	\$384,288.46

BALANCE SHEET - 2024

Balance Sheet	2024
Assets	
Bank Accounts	\$134,145.87
Investments	\$41,557.48
Fixed Assets	\$281,508.75
Total Assets	\$457,212.10

Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$932.54
Credit Card	\$7,122.13
Total Liabilities	\$8,054.67

Assets	
Opening Balance Equity	\$0
Retained Earnings	\$435,537.80
Net Revenue	13,619.63
Total Equity	\$449,157.43
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$457,212.10

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2024 SPONSORS

We are deeply grateful to our Platinum and Gold Sponsors for their generous support of the 2024 Night of Hope Gala. Their contributions not only made the event a success but also helped us achieve our goals and create a lasting impact in the community. Their commitment to our mission is invaluable, and we sincerely thank them for making a difference!

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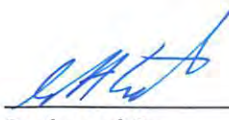
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**STUDY SESSION POLICY REPORT
RIDE LV UPDATE**

JULY 15, 2025



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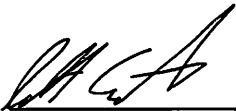
DISCUSSION:

Kim Portillo and representatives from the Guidance Center will provide a update regarding rider and trip statistics for the RIDE LV Transportation Pilot Program.

POLICY REPORT
Presentation by Members of the Leavenworth Fire Department Regarding Proposed
Membership of IAFF Local 64

July 15, 2025

Prepared by:



Scott Peterson
City Manager

SUBJECT:

Members of the Leavenworth Fire Department will present their proposal to join the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local 64 Union, out of Kansas City, KS. This is a presentation only, and an opportunity for City Commissioners to ask any questions they may have about the fire department's proposal. City leadership has not reviewed the proposal, nor is it recommending any action at this time.