

## **The EChO (Evergreen Christian Outreach) Shelter is now CLOSED for the 2021/22 Season.**

The **EChO** Shelter broke many records this season:

- Open Continuously for 195 Nights (regardless of weather) 6 PM till 7 AM, in a single location - including five 38-hour OPEN periods of Shelter for Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, and two Bad Snow/Cold Storms.
- Guests are provided a warm dinner, warm breakfast, and a sack lunch to go in the morning. In addition, the Shelter provides on-site access to shower and laundry facilities.
- The Shelter has seven private sleeping rooms complete with desk, chair, recliner, cot, and a door for privacy. We also have six more semi-partitioned sleeping areas for additional capacity and flexibility.
- All Guests and prospective Guests are greeted and screened by **EChO** Client Advocate staff and provided wrap-around services of counseling, job search and benefit application assistance.
- 75 **EChO** clients applied and were screened for the Shelter, and 55 Unique Guests stayed at least one night
- The Shelter housed nine Couples (18 guests) and two families (5 guests), the remainder were single adults
- Guests ranged in age from 8 to 72 years old, with median age of 42, with a quarter of the Guests over the age of 60.
- Number of Guests ranged from 4 to 13 Guests on any given night, with an average of over 7.2 Guests/Night
- Guest Length of Stay ranged from one night to 140 nights (there was no limit on eligibility) with a median Length of Stay of 8 nights
- Guests came to **EChO** Shelter from Evergreen, Conifer, Idaho Springs, Golden and surrounding areas.
- The Shelter provided “*middle of the night emergency*” shelter on six different occasions to individuals brought to the Shelter by

Jefferson County Sherriff's Deputies. We value our partnership with JeffCo first responders.

- All this resulted in over 1,400 Guest Nights - more than double ever before!

Thanks to EVERYONE that helped this record-breaking Season:

- Thanks to grants from Jefferson County and the State of Colorado we were able to operate a COVID safe Overnight Shelter from October thru May.
- The Church of the Hills provided us a beautiful space to operate the Shelter in one location.
- Over two hundred volunteers provided hosting, kitchen help, and home cooked meals – more than 6,000 volunteer hours!