

## Safe Harbor Interview 10-30-24

Safe Harbor is a non-profit seasonal emergency shelter and a year-round housing and human services resource center. They provide emergency shelter, food and hope to people experiencing homelessness.

### Strengths within the community:

- The generosity of the community.
- Non-profit with an annual budget of \$500,000 in donations.
- 2,200 volunteers with 105 weekly roster covering 150 roles.
- Maximum over night guest capacity is 74, averaging 54 on 10-30-24.
- Guests are trending to be younger; and older with more disabilities.
- Women are now making up a larger percentage of guests.

### Community issues to be addressed:

- The Pines
- Mental health access – availability to low income and emergency care.

### How can our congregation help fill some gaps:

- They expressed gratitude for what we are doing now. Recognizing what it takes to provide and serve meals.
- We are committed to 3 evenings of meals. As of 10-30-24 they had 18
- Dinner slots still open, with maybe 3 or 4 possible coverage.
- Currently no Tuesday community noon meal. Community churches may be dropping Wednesday and Friday meals, creating increased need.
- Safe Harbor has a website page for donations and an Amazon wish list for current shelter needs. Items do not have to be purchased thru Amazon,
- gives ideas of what is needed currently.

### Jubilee House Day Shelter Monday – Friday 10 to 5:30

Has experienced increased guest needs. Especially when no community lunch is available. Capacity is limited inside an old building and they are having guests rotate in and out of building. They may need food/snack assistance.