

Nome Community Center, Inc

Executive Director's Report

Quote

“When folks who are struggling and need supportive services around them — by providing stable, secure, safe housing first, then the other issues that are the causes for the homelessness are able to be dealt with,” Rhonda Schneider on Housing First Initiative.

Research shows that Housing First projects help reduce the burden on public systems such as law enforcement and hospital services. They found that residents visited the emergency room about 60% less often after moving in and had about 70% fewer contacts with law enforcement.

While Housing First doesn't require residents to seek treatment for addiction or related issues, study of Brocius and Erisman of University of Alaska in 2017 proved significantly that there is reduction of alcohol consumption for a simple reason having a piece of mind when comfortable sleep was achieved. “Think about the challenges that come with not having a place to sleep. You know, where do your resources go? Where does your energy go? How much stress that causes you. That's not an ideal environment to get healthy — physically healthy, substance abuse healthy, emotionally healthy — and so take away the stress of not having a safe place to be at night, and you invite opportunities for people to work on and focus their energies on things that allow them to get healthier,” Brocius said.

Nome Community Center will be always a community resource to serve our homeless community in Nome, Alaska.



On November 2023; Nome Community Center, Inc. will open the HomePlate Nome Apartments as one of the first Housing Project in Bering Sea region.

Join us to stop homelessness in this region. <https://www.nomecc.org/donate.html>

Community Service Programs

XYZ Senior Center (*Patt Ward; Melanie & Wally Johnson, Denise Tetrick*)

The XYZ Senior Center offers much-needed services to our community elders. These services include congregate meals, transportation, meal deliveries, and laundry facilities. Elders have the opportunity to socialize in the dining area, exercise in the activity room and maintain social media connectivity in the computer lab. There are 117 active consumers in these 3 grant programs and 30 community volunteers that served the Senior and Elderly programs.

(Grants) *USDA, Nutrition, Transportation & Services, Adult Day Services, Health Promotion/ Disease Prevention.*

Breakfast Served: 159	Congregate Meals: 1,303	Meals Delivered: 1,202
Guest Meals: 42	Transport Rides: 1,321	Laundry Loads: 372
Clients (M- 30) (F- 29)	ADS Consumers: 6	Volunteer Hrs: 176

Milestone:

Partnership with Arctic ASAccess- Youth Volunteer

CACFP Administrative training- Patt and Melanie

Partnership with Tundra Delights- free coffee and treats

Partnership with Katirvik Cultural Center- histories/ documentaries in Bering Straits region

Vaccine Clinic

SAGE Care- National Resource Center on LGBTQ and Aging (9 courses) Patt and Melanie

NBHS- Volleyball girls visit elders- games and exercise

Qiviut yarn spun at mill in Fairbanks- received from processing earlier this year

Community Garden participation

Food Bank (*Doris Angusuc with Kathy McKibben and other volunteers*)

The Nome Food Bank is supported by Food Bank of Alaska with USDA commodities and by various community and statewide donors. It opens Tuesdays and Thursdays offering fresh, frozen, and canned food for those who need extra support to feed their families, and many consider it a crucial lifeline. We depend on volunteers to assist with food distribution (total of 312 volunteer hours). AC and Hansons/ Safeway provide daily produce support.

Nome Food Bank was awarded as Anti- Hunger Food Champion by State of Alaska and also provide satellite support to City of Teller for SAFE-D food shipment operations. *Community Initiative Matching Grant of Alaska*

# of New Applications	Households: 42	Individuals: 140
# Households/ Individuals served	Households: 699	Individuals: 1903
Commodities Room: 446 clients	Community Room: 157 clients	SNAP/EBT clients: 40
Villagers Assisted: 2 households	Donated Goods: 4,530 lbs	Donated Cash: \$7,650
# Distributions Trips to Teller: 2	# of (\$50) Food Gift Card Distributed: 6 households	

Housing & Homeless Prevention (*Janice Mixsooke*)

Permanent Supportive Housing is a proven solution to homelessness for the most vulnerable chronically unhoused community members. Program offers case management and supportive services. *Special Needs Housing Grant*

BoS Prioritization: 39	# Chronic Homeless: 17	Comp/Assessments: 10
# of Referral to NEST: 39	Street Outreach: 0	DomViolenceVics: 0
Veterans: 2	Village Returnees: 0	Assist/Out of State Return: 1
Transport Assistance: 20 total	# of Families Assisted: 7 total	Persons W/ Disability: 10 total

Permanent Supportive Housing *(Janice Mixsooke)*

Homeless prevention efforts support families struggling to pay rent and utilities due to crisis, unemployment, or life-altering events to keep individuals and families housed. Participants are currently housed, some have gained employment, some are on a path to sobriety and others are getting the behavioral health services they need. *Continuum of Care- HUD; Supportive Housing Match, Special Needs Housing Grant- Alaska Housing Finance Corp;*

Morse Apartment: #1: 3	#2: 9	#3: 6
Ponderosa #6: 3	#7: 3	#12: 6
KingsWay # A: 1	# B: 0	# C: 0

Single Unit Housing (Shoemaker): 15; Number of Graduate: 0 (all numbers are living units multiplied by months)

Nome Children Home *(Liz Kugzruk and 13 Child Advocates)*

Our Nome Children's Home is a 10-bed emergency housing facility for children who have been removed from their parents' homes by the Office of Children's Services due to reports of harm or unsafe conditions in their home. For many children, those unsafe conditions include neglect and abuse. The Nome Children's Home seeks to keep the children in the region, minimize the effect of trauma, and support the success of families.

USDA, ACT, AK Residential Care for Children and Youth

Number of Bed Nights: 597	Number of Placement: 2	Total Number of Kids: 21
Number of OCS Meetings: 9	Number of TDMs: 2	Number of BHS visits: 44
Number of Incident Reports: 2	# of Med/ Dental/ Vision visits: 38	Self-Harm/ Injuries: 0

Boys & Girls Club *(Ryan VandeVere, Josiah Goslin)*

Nome Boys and Girls Club (B&GC) of Nome is a safe place that provides snacks, after-school care, tutoring, and valuable educational and emotional support for youth. The B&GC serves anywhere from 20 to 30 youth each weeknights. The youth of Nome benefit from building healthy social connections. B&GC is open Monday through Friday for youth ages seven to 18 years of age. Regular activities include Power Hour (homework tutoring), S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), arts and crafts, field trips, Triple Play, cultural activities, Native Youth Olympics, reading improvement programs, and more! The Nome Clubhouse Facebook page features regular updates and reminders. Several partners have used the BGC facility building for the past quarter period: Camp CRAVE, NSHC Camp Summercise, Kawerak Child Advocacy Center and Alaska Missions mosly for 2 days duration.

Total Quarter Attendance: 549	Total Snacks Served- Quarter: 363
Total "Other Youth" Served: 55	Total Number of Volunteers- Quarter: 13

Nome Youth Court *(Atty. Kathleen Cook and Meghan Topkok)*

The Nome Youth Court gives first-time juvenile offenders the opportunity to keep their crime off the record by agreeing to go on trial before their peers. This Alaskan juvenile justice system is a restorative approach in which sentences focus on rehabilitation and on repairing the damage their mistakes cause to the community. Sentences promote responsibility much more than solely serving punishment. The recidivism rate for those who complete their sentences is much lower than those who are at the mercy of the traditional court system. *State of Alaska Youth Courts & Community Panels*

Number of Youth Court Decisions (cases decided): 0	Number of Cases Pending: 6
Number of Cases Referred by the Villages: 0	Number of Youth Court Conference: 2 participants
Number of Youth Court Team Meetings: 1	Number of Youth Court Participants: 7 and 5 incoming

(NEST) Nome Emergency Shelter Team, Inc (*Janice Mixsooke and 13 Client Advocates*) (Closed for First Quarter)
NEST began in response to several freezing deaths on the streets of Nome. Creating a shelter was a community grassroots effort to prevent exposure-related death by providing a warm, safe place to sleep for anyone in need. NEST opens on November 1, 2023. There are 183 participants that were served under the program last FY 2023. CIMG, BHAP grants *Community Initiative Matching Grant, Basic Homeless Assistance Program, NEST Core Support*

Family Services (*Colleen Spears*) (The program will start November 1, 2023)

Family Services is an agency referral program that assists parents and families. The Coordinator work directly with the Alaska Office of Children's Services to assist families who are at risk of separation from their children. Parenting support groups are a major focus of our work in identifying what is strong, not wrong. We believe that we all have within us the wisdom and cultural competency to manage even the most difficult challenges that confronts families.

AK- Circle of Support; Community Family Education; AK Children's Trust

Total Number of Families Served: 0	Total Number of Caregivers Served: 0
Total Number of New Children Impacted: 0	Total Number of Classes Offered: 0

Home Plate Nome, LLC (*Janice Mixsooke, Liz Johnson, Rhonda Schneider and Terra Development LLC*)

HomePlate Nome, LLC is a Housing First project designed to provide a path toward housing permanency for Nome's most vulnerable chronically homeless population. HomePlate Nome will provide 15 studio apartment units for single occupancy with an on-site property manager's unit. The design includes an onsite medical and mental health clinic with space for individual counseling. Construction of the HomePlate Apartments is expected to be completed by November of 2023 with a projected move in date of December 2023. Ground breaking was held in early September 2022. *Grants from Federal, State, City, Alaska Native Corporations and Private Foundations.*

HUD will conduct a building inspection on November 13, 2023 prior occupation of the building.

Milestones

1. July 13- Dodge RAM Pickup Truck donated by KAWERAK (\$56,665.75)
2. July 19- Northrim Bank donated \$10,000.00 for HomePlate Nome
3. July 21- ED visited Teller Mayor Blanche Garnie and helped enrolled village to SAFE D Program
4. Camp CRAVE: Foxes/ Wolves/ Bears Camps successfully completed with a total of 55 participants
5. (15) Mission Volunteers organized by Rhonda Schneider completed various construction repairs
6. (16) Covenant Church Volunteers (c/o Pastor James) repaired AKMR Cabins at Nuuk
7. August 1- NCC/ NEST and HomePlate are all registered as Charities to AK Law Dept.
8. Starlink High Performance Kit was installed
9. Aug 17- Camp CRAVE 24 Adventures Grant submitted to RuralCap (\$25,000.00)
10. Staff Internal Promotion: Liz Kugzruk; Administrator, (NCH) Nome Children's Home
11. Staff Internal Promotion: Janice Mixsooke; Manager, P- Supportive Housing/ NEST
12. New Staff: Emily Freeman: Logistics Assistant (Youth Mentor for Nome B&GC
13. New Program Staff: Kathleen Cook; Youth Court Coordinator (Nome Law Clerk)
14. NCC Board Vice President met Rasmuson Foundation CEO Gretchen Guess on her Nome visit 08/28
15. MJ Murdock Charitable Trust Board Approved \$470,500 donation to HomePlate Nome
16. September 6; Albertsons Co. Nourishing Neighbors Grant \$2,657.65 from FoodBank of Alaska Approved.
17. September 19; ED met Susan Williams (UWF) AK-President with Linda Heim and Debbie Pintsch in ANC
18. Sept 20-21; ED attended AK Anti-Hunger Network Conference in FoodBank of AK ANC Office
19. September 21; ED advocated NEST support at NSHC Board (\$65,000) funding support (Sept 26)
20. September 29; Church of Nazarene Karmun Center and NEST Agreement signed for 14th Season

People and Culture

David Sobie: Network Data & Administration Support
Doris Angusoc: Nome Food Security
Kathleen Cook: Youth Court & Juvenile Justice
Janice Mixsooke: Permanent Supportive Housing & NEST
Bessie Pagel: NEST/ PSH Coordination
Ida Booshu: NEST Coordination
Bobby Norris: HomePlate Coordinator
Josiah Goslin: Boys & Girls Club
Emily Freeman: Logistics Support
Melanie Johnson: Senior Program Support
Josiah Goslin: Property Management
Emilie Zabel: Office Coordination
Heather Sobie: Administrative Support
Nate Hobbs: ICT Administration
Patt Ward: XYZ Senior Center
Denise Tetrick: Kitchen Supervision
Wally Johnson: XYZ Transportation
Colleen Spears: Family Services Circle of Support
Doris Angusoc: Food Bank
Elizabeth Kugzruk: Nome Childrens Home
Kimberly Bishop: People & Culture
Liz Johnson: Finance & Operations

- * Number of Active Vehicles in Fleet: 11
- *Number of Owned Properties: 6 Buildings
- *Banks with Active Accounts: Wells Fargo and Northrim Bank of Alaska

Governance

Board of Directors 2023 Roster

Margaret Thomas: President	Veronica Alviso: Vice President
Raeshawndra Jett: Secretary	Melissa Ford: Treasurer
Bridie Trainor	Garrick Fuller
Joy Morgan	Jessica Lemaire
Mary David	Vacant
Jenn Miller(Ex-Officio)	Vacant: Susan Williams (Ex- Officio)

- * Number of Active Board of Directors: 11 (vacant :1); Number of Board Meetings: 1

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HomePlate Nome LLC

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