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Cathy, please forward this email and the attached file to the HSW. Thanks.

Dear HSW,

Please accept a big hearted thank you for those of you that filled out the LMM Strategic Plan survey! Your voice is indeed significant as we plan for the future. It's our aim to be transparent, truth seeking, restrained, and compassionate in all our interactions (<https://bit.ly/2Kxsoen>). Agents of healing and hope in an angry world!

Public Comment at the last meeting made me want to clarify Mission services further. LMM can shelter up to 350 people if all our programs are at capacity, including Winter Overflow. See in broad brush strokes our continuum in the attached visual. It highlights pathways toward a transformed life / exiting homelessness. Base Camp is unpacked more specifically below.

Again, visits and conversation to dispel misconceptions are always on the table (this includes non HSW members too). Relationships are everything to us.

Yours in both seriousness and joy at seeing lives transformed,
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Healing Homelessness with Christ's Power and Love.

Base Camp Overview:

As the second tier of Lighthouse Mission's four intervention strategies, Base Camp is a low-barrier 24-hour enhanced homeless services project designed to motivate and support people into next stages of life-recovery. It provides three meals a day, a safe place to sleep, restrooms, laundry facilities, showers, storage for belongings, important documents, and medications, mail services, emotional and spiritual support, and case management. It also has space for non-profit partners to work, telehealth meetings for guests, and quarterly memorial services for people who die in our streets. It's Whatcom County's welcome mat

for the marginalized. A temporary home where you're welcome and wanted, and where we become friends. It is not Transitional housing.

Base Camp Night Capacity:

Base Camp 190 people, plus 10 depending

Old DIC 39 men (when the winter overflow is activated)

Total capacity **229**

Base Camp Services (an additional 50 to 150 guests come in for day-services only):

- Breakfast, lunch and dinner, in house special events (Superbowl, Easter, etc.)
- Opportunity Council (HOT--Homeless Outreach Team--foodstamps, housing, services)
- Compass Health (PATH--Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness), when needed. Telehealth.
- Compass Health (CORS--Community Outreach Recovery Support; Peer Counselors twice a day--basically the old Rainbow Center operates out of Base Camp.
- GRACE team and Community Paramedics in and out constantly, about five days a week depending on need, and offering intensive case management and immediate medical services.
- Behavioral health team from the police department do regular check-ins.
- Lake Whatcom Residential & Treatment Centers (PACT--Program for Assertive Community Treatment: court ordered meds and mental health support)
- Seamar health clinic x1/wk, Flu shots, etc.
- Referrals to the LEAD program (new)
- Referrals to veterinary services for service-animals and pets
- Independent healthcare brokers connect clients to medicare, medicaid, etc. once a

week

- Bellingham Library provides books
- 6 Showers, 18 toilets (new)
- Laundry services
- Lockable storage for all (new)
- Bike fix-it stations, outdoor recreation (ping pong, bean bag toss) (new)
- Enclosed, secure courtyard (new)
- Separate respite area (treatment for lice, etc.) (new)
- Working dorm (new)
- x2 single parent rooms (new)
- Wireless internet for all (new)
- Direct lines to third party Caseworkers
- Staff case managers assisting people in next steps (detox, recovery, etc.)
- Spiritual support from staff, local pastors and chaplains
- Quarterly memorials for those that die (on hold due to c19)
- Human Services interns, chaplain interns, volunteers (limited during c19)
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Cafe Renovare (on hold due to c19)

- Neighborhood garbage cleanup (thx COB!)
- Onsite COVID19 testing (new)

These are the bulk of the services offered at Base Camp as of December 2020. They can change based on need. Watch for additional services coming in the new year!