



ROGUE RETREAT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What Does Rogue Retreat do?

We restore the lives of our participants. We do this through our supportive services called our “secret sauce”, we not only provide a temporary place to call home to our participants, but we wrap ourselves around them and connect them with the services and resources they need to reach their highest potential.

Who does Rogue Retreat serve?

Whether you call them homeless, unsheltered, or houseless, it’s the people without a place to live who we care for and are driven to help.

How many people does Rogue Retreat serve?

Rogue Retreat serves up to 500 people every night. We provide them with shelter, food, and supportive services.

Why don’t homeless people want to work?

While this is true for a small portion of the population, we have found that the majority of people experiencing homelessness want to work. Many homeless people are traumatized and experience mental health and/or addiction challenges. Generally, a homeless person cannot make rational long-term decisions or keep a consistent schedule needed to hold down a job when they have lost the ability to take care of themselves. Once Rogue Retreat stabilizes a homeless person by providing shelter or housing, our Community Support Specialists and community partners provide the resources, support services, and training that help program participants achieve jobs, long-term housing and provide access to resources that support job readiness and job placement.

Is Rogue Retreat a housing organization?

Rogue Retreat is known for its creative housing programs, including tiny house villages, low barrier shelters, and campgrounds. However, Rogue Retreat does not “warehouse” homeless people. Rogue Retreat provides supportive services that help our program participants reach their highest potential.

Unsheltered vs. Homeless: What's the difference?

Homelessness is divided into two categories, sheltered and unsheltered. An unsheltered homeless person is someone who is living in an environment not meant for human habitation (including cars, parks, sidewalks, and abandoned buildings). A sheltered homeless person is someone who resides in an emergency shelter or temporary housing (most of our facilities fall under this category).

Does Rogue Retreat help at-risk kids?

Rogue Retreat doesn't directly help at-risk or homeless youth. Rogue Retreat serves individuals, couples, and families. We work closely with the Maslow Project and Hearts with a Mission to help connect at-risk kids to their programs which are designed to serve and meet the needs of homeless youths.

What is Rogue Retreat's success rate?

Every one of Rogue Retreat's programs operates with features and guidelines unique to itself, therefore, generating an overall success rate is difficult to determine. Pre-Covid our research determined that our shared housing and apartment populations achieved a 75% success rate. Our Urban Campground sustains a 42% success rate. The bulk of our sites fall into a range between 42% and 75%.

The bigger question becomes "*how does Rogue Retreat define success?*" Rogue Retreat defines success in terms of participants who leave our programs having achieved a more permanent form of housing than they had when they became program participants.

How do we fund the work we do?

Rogue Retreat has multiple funding streams including government grants, community foundations, contracts, and private donors.

Does providing social services in my community inspire homeless people to move to my community?

The population of homeless people is rising nationwide. We are working with more cities than ever to offer services for homeless people. Having services may bring more people to the area, but we don't see a significant difference in the rate that homelessness is growing in areas with services versus areas without.

How does Rogue Retreat spend the funds it receives?

Rogue Retreat's biggest expense is staffing. We have to make sure we have the staff in place to keep our housing and shelter sites safe and running smoothly. A large piece of that staffing is our supportive services program.

How can I support Rogue Retreat?

We encourage people to support Rogue Retreat with monthly donations. Whether it's a donation of \$500 per month or \$15, we appreciate every penny we receive to keep our housing and shelter sites operating.

Other ways people can support Rogue Retreat are volunteering or donating to our Thrift Shop, giving cans and bottles to Clean Sweep, advertising in our newsletter, and providing meals to our participants at our housing and shelter sites.

Can people have pets in Rogue Retreat programs?

We allow participants to bring pets or companion animals into our programs. We feel that it would be cruel and counterproductive to separate people from their animals. Once people are in our programs we do not allow them to get new pets, as this can be a distraction from moving forward and establishing their own long-term housing.

What is a low-barrier?

A few of Rogue Retreat's housing and shelter sites are low-barrier which means that participants are not required to reach a level of behavior that they have not reached yet in order to access services. Normally this revolves around addiction and alcohol abuse. We require all Rogue Retreat participants to engage with our Community Support Specialists and take steps toward addressing the barriers stopping them from re-engaging in society. Consumption or possession of drugs or alcohol are never allowed at any of our locations.

Can I designate my donation?

We discourage donors from designating where general donations are applied. As an organization, our needs are constantly fluctuating and funds are constantly needed to be rapidly applied. However, capital needs often arise and donors have an option to sponsor a tiny home, pallet shelter, or other project.