

A Center for Hopefulness

Article 1

The name of the organization shall be A Center for Hopefulness.

Article 2

The organization shall operate homeless shelters to provide housing, food, clothing daily essentials, medical care, substance abuse counselor and other services for the homeless.

Article 3

The organization is organized exclusively for charitable purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Organization

1. All faith entities in Lewiston/ Auburn are eligible as members. To become a member, the faith community must provide written documentation requesting membership.
2. Once organized, the membership will elect a Board of Directors with 9 members. Directors will serve for six years, except for the initial board. For the initial board, 3 members will serve for 2 years, 3 members will serve for 4 years, and 3 members will serve for 6 years.

Bylaws

The membership, working with the board will develop bylaws under which the organization will operate.

1. The board will be responsible for developing policies and procedures to implement the bylaws.
2. Initial passage of the bylaw will require consent of 3/5th of the membership.
3. Amendment of the bylaws require consent of 2/3rd of the membership.

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Member Organizations

Every organization that submits a written application located in our area will be a members pledged to support the organization. Support will include but not be limited to”

1. Allowing us to use the organizations name publicly as a member organization;
2. Allowing us to use the aggregate total membership in our aggregate total membership (i.e. 20 organizations with over 20,000 members).
3. Appoint one person who will be a voting member of the organization.
4. Support however possible the goals of the organization to provide a comprehensive solution to end homelessness in Lewiston Auburn. This can include supporting our fundraising efforts, letter writing to state and local government, attending rallies, attending government meetings, meeting with stakeholders and other potential volunteers, and other activities that support the goals of the organization.

Homelessness is everyone’s problem. It will take all of us to solve it. Our goal is to do just that. We need everyone’s help and involvement. No one faith community can solve homelessness, but together we can!