

## Albany Hand-Up Transitional Shelters Outline

These are the main operational objectives of **Albany H.U.T.S.** (Hand-Up Transitional Shelters), a non-profit 501c(3) public benefit corporation, designed to help address some basic humanitarian needs of a currently unsheltered population in Albany, Oregon.

We will find convenient locations on various non-profit church properties, and gain permission to place a small **Albany HUTS** community comprised of 2 - 6 Conestoga Hut style units. See an example of these units and a fully functioning program, at the [Community Supported Shelters](#) in Eugene.

**Albany HUTS** will not own real estate, but instead will be allowed to be stewards of the property by maintaining the grounds to be free of rubbish, tall weeds, bicycle parts and shopping carts. All structures are temporary.

**Albany HUTS** is a low-barrier safe-spot micro-community. Simple rules are required to be on-site: No drugs, no weapons, no violence, no loud noise and no open flame inside units including lighters or candles.

Included on-site will be portable toilets and hand-washing sinks. A shower trailer may be available weekly. Small covered trash cans will be placed at each unit and emptied weekly. Solar-powered motion-sensor security lights and cameras will be placed around the site. These items will all be provided by local businesses and sponsors. Local business, donors and sponsors will be mentioned on the [albanyhuts.org](http://albanyhuts.org) website.

At any time, the Conestoga-style huts will have occupancy of only one individual. No visitors or guests are allowed inside of the hut units. Each hut unit will be inspected weekly for hazards such as mold or mildew, pest infestation, spoiled food, trash, body waste and unit damages. Any problem found will be immediately addressed, up to removal and dismantling of the unit. The occupant will not be allowed back in the unit, pending the problem resolution. Every temporary unit is capable of being dismantled and repurposed.

**Albany HUTS** will not supply electrical or water utilities to the units. Small solar panels and batteries may be used for lighting and phone charging inside units. Windows can be opened to provide ventilation as needed.

Mental health and recovery services will be provided by local organizations such as Linn County Mental Health, CHANCE and Ideal Options. Faith-based services will be offered by local churches. Food services and meals will be offered by various organizations and caring people. Bottled water will be provided by donors and sponsors. Empty bottles and cans will be recycled through the Bottle Drop program.

The **Albany HUTS** staff will consist of an intake secretary to process individuals and assign huts; volunteer security personnel to observe and report on monitoring of site area; volunteer grounds keepers will ensure tall weeds and rubbish are removed, and see that trash cans are emptied weekly, or as needed.

Volunteers are needed to help construct components and to assemble finished units. Construction volunteers should meet weekly to discuss and work on building the components. A local secure shop is needed to construct and store hut components, as well tools and supplies. A truck and trailer are needed to transport hut components to the site(s) for assembly.

**Albany HUTS** business records may be stored in a designated office space provided in a professional building or an authorized home office.

For additional **Albany HUTS** information, to sponsor, donate or to offer critical input, please contact Myke Edwards by text or call 541-730-3382. We are all in this together.

Then the King will say to those on His right hand, *“Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.”*

Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, *“Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?”* And the King will answer and say to them, *“Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.”*

Matthew 25:34-40