



## *1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2017 Newsletter*

3/28/2017

Dear Friends,

I am happy to be updating you on our activities for the first three months of this year.

We reported in December that Joshua Ball, a friend and web developer, volunteered to help build a great website. Josh connected us with two student volunteers who have done an outstanding job on our new website! Thank you Josh and thanks to Madeleine Huish and Michael Chen for your excellent work! We are close to launch, but for now please to go to our Facebook [page](#) to view Mission Statement, Staff Profiles and Updates.

Prayer is key to what's next for EVS and through prayer God continues to guide us. We ask that you please join us in praying for God's clear direction and blessings on our ministry. It has been a trying first three months of this year; while some doors have closed, at least for the time being, other doors remain open. New partnerships have encouraged us and we are thankful for connections to serve homeless students and veterans. Below is a brief description of some of the projects on which we are working to address homelessness.

### *1. Arlington Veterans Training Ctn.*

- a. The City of Arlington has encouraged us to pursue this project. Both the City Planning Department and Mayor Tolbert have been very helpful in the way forward.
- b. Key to any veterans project that involves housing or shelters are the programs needed for our veterans to move towards a stable and productive life. To that end, we have been blessed to have met Gary Cashman of the *Wounded Warrior Project* and Michael Schindler of *Operation Military Family*. Both men have studied our plans for the Veterans Training Center and have encouraged us that programs will be available to implement at the Center.

### *2. The Locker Buddy*

After talking to multiple nonprofits who provide programs to homeless individuals it has become apparent that storage lockers for belongings critically needed. For example, if a person wants to go to a job interview, what do they do with their backpack, tent, sleeping bag, etc? Typically, these things are

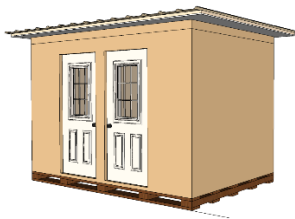
hidden in the woods in hopes that they will not get stolen. Every program we've talked to wants storage for those they serve. After consulting with several program providers we've come up with the design you see below:



If you are interested in helping us get a prototype on the streets for those experiencing homelessness, please connect with us.

### 3. *Stand Alone Unit Initiative*

- a. The stationary and mobile units have evolved into a new initiative called the Stand Alone Units (SAUs). October saw 11 units requested by local nonprofits, that grew to 25 units and as of December's Newsletter we had requests for 54 units! Today, in addition to those 25 units, we have three more nonprofits requesting an additional 50+ units.
- b. We have delivered one unit to the Pastor Kim's Sheppard's Village in Lynnwood, a small 5 "tent city" for homeless students. Pastor Kim is now requesting 10 more units as soon as possible!
- c. We have received much encouragement on a new SAU design called the Buddy Double. This unit provides shelter for two individuals in one structure, each with private entrance and space. See drawings below:

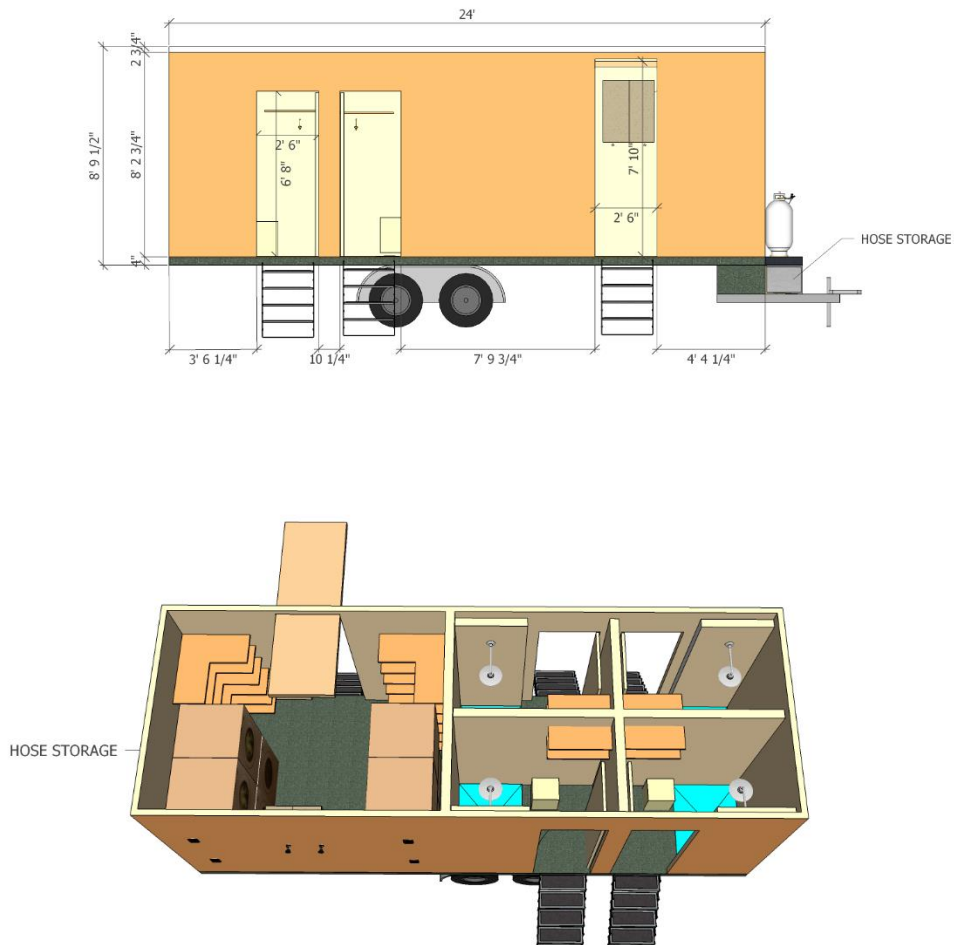


The Buddy Double has a unique bed/sofa shown above; on the right side the bed/sofa is down as a bed and can also be folded up so that it serves as a sofa or all the way up against the wall on to top left for more floor space if needed. Each unit has a secure opening window, lockable door, electrical outlet and storage shelving above each bed. These units are mobile in that they can be forklifted onto a flatbed truck and relocated as needed. The SAU is so well insulated heat would only be necessary in sub-freezing

weather. With a 100 year life cycle and 100% recyclable materials, this shelter is made to last.

4. *24' Trailer outfitted with 4 washer/dryers and 4 showers*

- a. DJ Rabe and Eric Hogan of Covision Ministries have asked us to design new a washer/dryer trailer for their growing ministry. They currently use a box van with two washer/dryers 4-6 days each week to serve the homeless in several locations in Snohomish Co. The new trailer will have 4 washer/dryer units and 4 showers! We hope to build and get this new trailer in service by mid-year. See drawings below:



**Needs:**

All that is being accomplished is being done through His grace and volunteer hours. It's time to begin paying existing staff, bring on new staff, set up our office, website, cards, software, phones, etc. so we can accomplish the vision God has given to us and address the urgent needs of people who are experiencing homelessness. Donations that are directed at "where needed most" are most valuable today so that we have the liberty to direct those funds to the most urgent needs. We greatly appreciate your support in accomplishing this mission of addressing this urgent need in our community. Please

consider a tax-deductible donation this year to this ministry. Above all we would like your prayers for continued favor.

Checks can be written to Elan Vital Solutions and mailed to:

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For His glory,



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