

Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

No appropriation required.

Title

Honoring and congratulating the Daytime Warming Shelter program for its successful 2012-2013 operations. **Body**

WHEREAS the an interim Daytime Warming Shelter began on November 26, 2012; and,

WHEREAS the Warming Shelter, a program of Porchlight Inc, and located at 827 E. Washington Avenue in Madison, was initiated by Dane County to address a concern about homeless individuals in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Warming Shelter staff, lead by Sarah Gillmore, Z! Haukeness and Nate Abrams have created a welcoming and engaging atmosphere and have truly partnered with clients to find solutions that meet and fit their needs using a relationship-based, harm reduction community justice model; and,

WHEREAS, the Warming Shelter has provided services to approximately 125 or more people per day; and,

WHEREAS, the Warming Shelter has provided access to or resources on nutritional meals, computers, transportation, medical care, clothing, housing, substance recovery, employment and employment training and mental health support; and,

WHEREAS, the Warming Shelter has provided additional activities support groups and activities such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Art Group, Cooking Classes, Men's Support Group, Reading Group, nondenominational Spiritual Group, Woman's Support Group, and Writing Group; and,

WHEREAS, there has been tremendous support from the community with donations of materials, food, clothing, medical and hygiene supplies, and transportation; and,

WHEREAS, there have been limited police contact and diligent work to reduce conflict between clients, neighbors and the community; and,

WHEREAS the Shelter will end on March 31, 2013; and,

WHEREAS the Dane County Homeless Issues Committee has recommended the establishment of a permanent Day Resource Center beginning November 1, 2013,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Common Council honor and congratulate the Daytime Warming Shelter for its successful 2012-2013 operations.