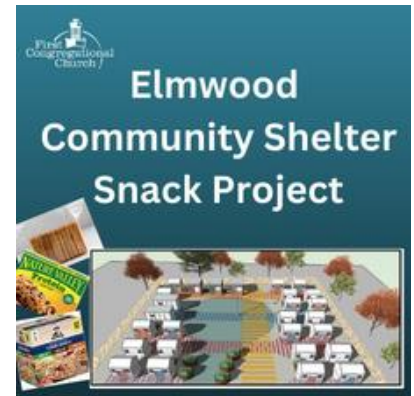


Outreach Team Initiates Snack Project for Pod Shelter

With management from the Champlain Housing Trust, Burlington's [Elmwood Community Shelter \(ECS\)](#) is open and providing shelter for 35 formerly unhoused adults.

Rev. Elissa Johnk and other downtown clergy recently offered a blessing to this important mission before its official opening. A collaborative endeavor, the ECS involves the use of individual and double-occupancy "prefabricated pods," an approach that has been successful in other parts of the country. The ECS provides 24/7 staffing, access to key services, a community center where residents have access to food, services and programs.

The need for emergency shelter is great, 80 people applied for the 35 beds. The City of Burlington is committed to the project using mainly federal coronavirus relief funding for the development ([BTV Free Press](#)). Residents can expect to be housed for 6 months with extensions possible based on individual needs ([WCAX](#)).



Many have asked how we can help? Our Outreach Team has an answer!

ECS Site coordinator, Kelsi Cross, has asked us to provide individually packaged servings of snack foods like granola bars, oatmeal packets, coffee creamer and individual bags of chips and crackers.

Our Outreach Team recommends bringing a donation any Sunday – a special container will be available in the Chapel. Donations are also welcome in the Church Office any time. Thank you!