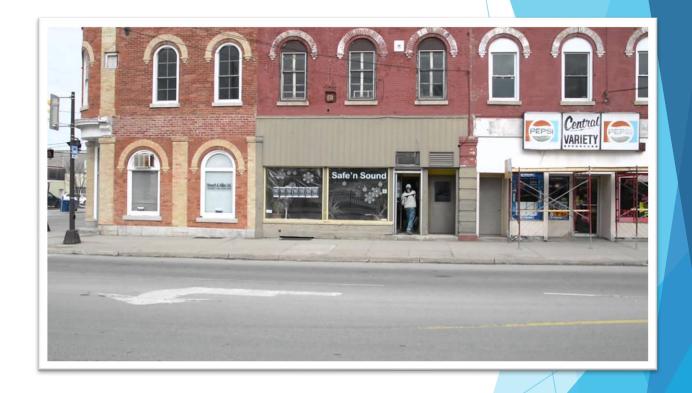
Safe N Sound Emergency Shelter Feasibility Assessment & Early Overnight Warming Center Pilot Learnings

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Brief History of SNS & Context

- Started in 2007 by a group of local community members who were concerned about unsheltered individuals in the community
- Throughout the years and then further accelerated by COVID, the Space has shifted from a coffee and chat community meeting space, to meet the increasing acuity level of participants
- Feasibility study completed to inform the agency's development of an updated Strategic Plan
- Our communities are in a housing, opioid and developmental services crisis and SafeNSound is on the frontline

Who accesses our services

- ▶ 40-75 unique individuals everyday
- Vast majority with significant ties to Grey & Bruce Counties
- Most on Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support Program
- Majority men
- Unsheltered, precariously or provisionally housed, living in poverty
- Primary physical point of contact for unsheltered individuals within our communities





First year of Pilot: November 1st, 2023 -March 30th, 2024

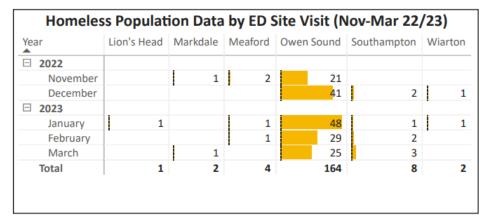
- Warming Centre Pilot project
- \$150,000 funding from Grey County
- Targeted for unsheltered community members
- Continued to offer low barrier services
- Capacity of 18 due to washrooms
- Continued to enforce service restrictions including no substance use on site

November 1st 2023 - March 31st 2024

	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March
Unique total participants	134	139	130	140	
Total day visitors	1300	1158	1158	1069	1190
Total evening visitors	811	905	915	973	1116
Total night visitors	725	646	622	628	674
Average nightly	24	20	21	20	22

Hospital Data





/ear	Markdale	Meaford	Owen Sound	Southampton	Wiarton
2023					
November	1	1	21	1	2
December		2	22	1	3
2024			•		
January		2	13	1	
February		1	11		
March			26	2	
Total	1	6	93	5	5

Nov-Mar Summary				
Site	2023			
Owen Sound	164			
Southampton	8			
Meaford	4			
Markdale	2			
Wiarton	2			
Lion's Head	1			
Total	181			

Nov-Mar Summary				
Site	2024			
Owen Sound	93			
Meaford	6			
Southampton	5			
Wiarton	5			
Markdale	1			
Total	110			
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71 fewer emergency department visits by homeless individuals in the 5 months SNS was open when compared to the same 5 month span the previous year

Second year of Pilot-November 1st 2024 - November 20th 2024

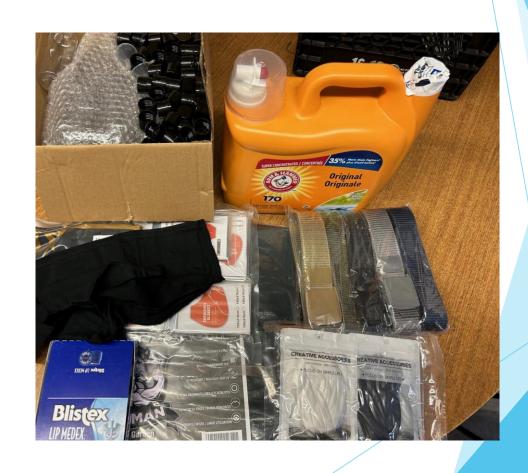
- Total unique participants overnight 77
- Average per night 20.7
- Total nights of respite 435
- Morning shift 8am 4pm 777 participant visits
- Afternoon shift 4pm 12am 735 participant visits

Feasibility Study

- Completed by J Consulting group beginning in the summer of 2023
- Intended to:
 - Define the need for emergency housing in Owen Sound,
 - Determine the overall feasibility and likelihood of success in Safe N' Sound establishing emergency housing, and
 - Develop a business plan for achieving the desired project, if determined to be feasible.
- Needs Assessment was completed first using data from the County of Grey, SafeNSound and M'Wikwedong
- Study determined the need for a 28-bed low barrier facility

Benefits and Limitations of Different Models of Shelter

- Motel
- Private rooms with communal spaces
- Congregate sleeping
- Warming centre
- Low barrier



Next Steps & Funding

Applications for Reaching Homes capital & programming funding

Securing an appropriate facility





Questions?

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