

HOPE THRU A VISION HOMELESS SHELTER (HTAV)

Presentation to the Ashe County Board of Commissioners December 1, 2025

WHO WE ARE

HTAV was organized in 2020 to provide temporary shelter to homeless persons in Ashe County who do not have the resources or support systems to obtain shelter on their own. Our services are provided regardless of age, race, gender or creed. Referrals are received from a variety of sources, including Ashe County DSS, ACSO, municipal law enforcement, churches, and individuals who receive information through word-of-mouth or the organization's website.

The organization is operated by a volunteer board of directors currently consisting of five people governed by a set of bylaws adopted February 8, 2020. We obtained our IRC Section 501(c) (3) certification November 4, 2020.

Financial support is received primarily by donations and fundraising events. We received a one-time grant from EFSP Phase 41 in April 2024.

We believe that homelessness is a situation, not the person. Each person has merit and worth and is treated with dignity and respect.

WHAT WE DO

Our primary service has been to provide motel room rentals in inclement weather conditions that make it difficult or unsafe to be outdoors and also in other emergency situations where no other shelter is available. Other services are provided as funds allow, including prescriptions, groceries, hygiene products and warm clothing and bedding.

THE NEED

Please refer to the attached table showing services provided from 2021 thru October 2025.

OUR GOAL

From the beginning, our goal has been to provide a permanent, dedicated shelter in Ashe County to accommodate the unsheltered. Our hinderance to achieving this goal can be summed up in the old adage, "We can't quit fighting the fire in order to go get water." Every dollar received goes to meet immediate critical needs for shelter with no funding left to purchase property and construct a building.

We respectfully present our burden to the Ashe County Board of Commissioners to

- Enlighten the Board as to the current situation
- Inform the Board of our efforts to alleviate the suffering and insecurity of our county's citizens who find themselves faced with a homeless situation
- Present a recommendation to Ashe County government for support in obtaining a county property and possible financial support for a homeless shelter as shown in the attached illustrations

RECOMMENDATION

Please see the attached illustrations, plans and quotation for a metal building 60' x 120' by 14' high, constructed on a concrete pad and containing 12 individual, private rooms. (Note, the quotation does not include the concrete pad.) Each area would have a programmable door lock and kitchen/sleeping/bath/laundry area. A hall separates the front six compartments from the back six. The hall area would contain the plumbing and electrical connections for each individual compartment, which could be activated/deactivated as needed. This plan does not include any common areas, other than a possible smoking area outside. A kennel area could also be constructed outside.

Such a plan with private, individual rooms would not require fulltime staffing, and could rely on volunteer cleaning as rooms are vacated.

REQUEST

Ideally, HTAV requests (1) a county lease on a property containing existing water/sewer/electrical availability with a large enough space for a building such as described above with a minimum of one parking space for compartment. (2) Funding to construct such a building as described above.

We feel that with a permanent plan in place supported by the County, our support base will increase to cover operating expenses.

Thank you for accepting our request to present this project at the December 1, 2025 Commissioners' meeting, and we humbly ask that you consider supporting such a county-wide need,

Mike Barr, President HTAV
Jim Parsons
Samantha Bauguess
Misty Hohman
Shannon Barr

Hope Thru A Vision Homeless Shelter

Ashe County

Emergency Shelter Provided

YEAR	# CLIENTS HELPED ^{N1}	HTAV EXPENSES
2021	9	\$4799.35
2022	36	\$19,604.36
2023	13	\$3515.11
2024	74	\$30,752.77
~Oct. 2025	39	\$16,685.25
TOTAL	171	\$75,356.84 ^{N2}

^{N1} Does not include family members

^{N2} Total expenses at the special motel rates HTAV has negotiated, minus ~10% for fundraising and storage unit rental, equates to almost 700 motel rooms that have been provided for emergency shelter since 2021, averaging 4 nights per client.

HTAV Participates in “Bringing it Home 2025” Statewide Conference on Homelessness

NC is the third fastest growing state in the U.S. On any given night in NC, almost 12,000 people are unsheltered, a 20% percent increase in the past year. Sixty percent are employed but cannot afford a home. Last year in the U.S. homelessness affected over 770,000 people, the highest number ever recorded.

Michael Barr and Jim Parsons, representing Hope Thru A Vision Homeless Shelter (HTAV), attended the statewide conference on homelessness at the McKimmon Center on the campus of NC State University May15-16. Opening remarks were made by Gov. Josh Stein. The keynote speaker was Donald Whitehead, Jr., Executive Director of the National Coalition for the Homeless. Following opening remarks, a panel discussion featuring leaders who have experienced homelessness provided a deep and poignant understanding of the effects of being without shelter.

Breakout sessions continued Thursday afternoon and Friday covering various topics including Trauma Resilient Response Programs, Collaborative Solutions for Housing and Healing, Reconnect for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness, Advocacy and Community Organizing, and Nonprofit funding

Both HTAV attendees commented that the conference was filled with useful information and provided much-needed collaboration and support for those working to improve the health and well-being of the homeless. Major take home points Barr and Parsons would like to share include the following:

Addressing a symptom is not the root of the problem!

Criminalization is not the solution!

Homelessness is solvable!

You are NOT your situation. You have merit and you have worth.

Each homeless person has a story worth telling.

Homeless is not a person, it's an experience.

I'm a human being without a house.

End the stigma that being unhoused makes the person undeserving.

Everyone deserves shelter.

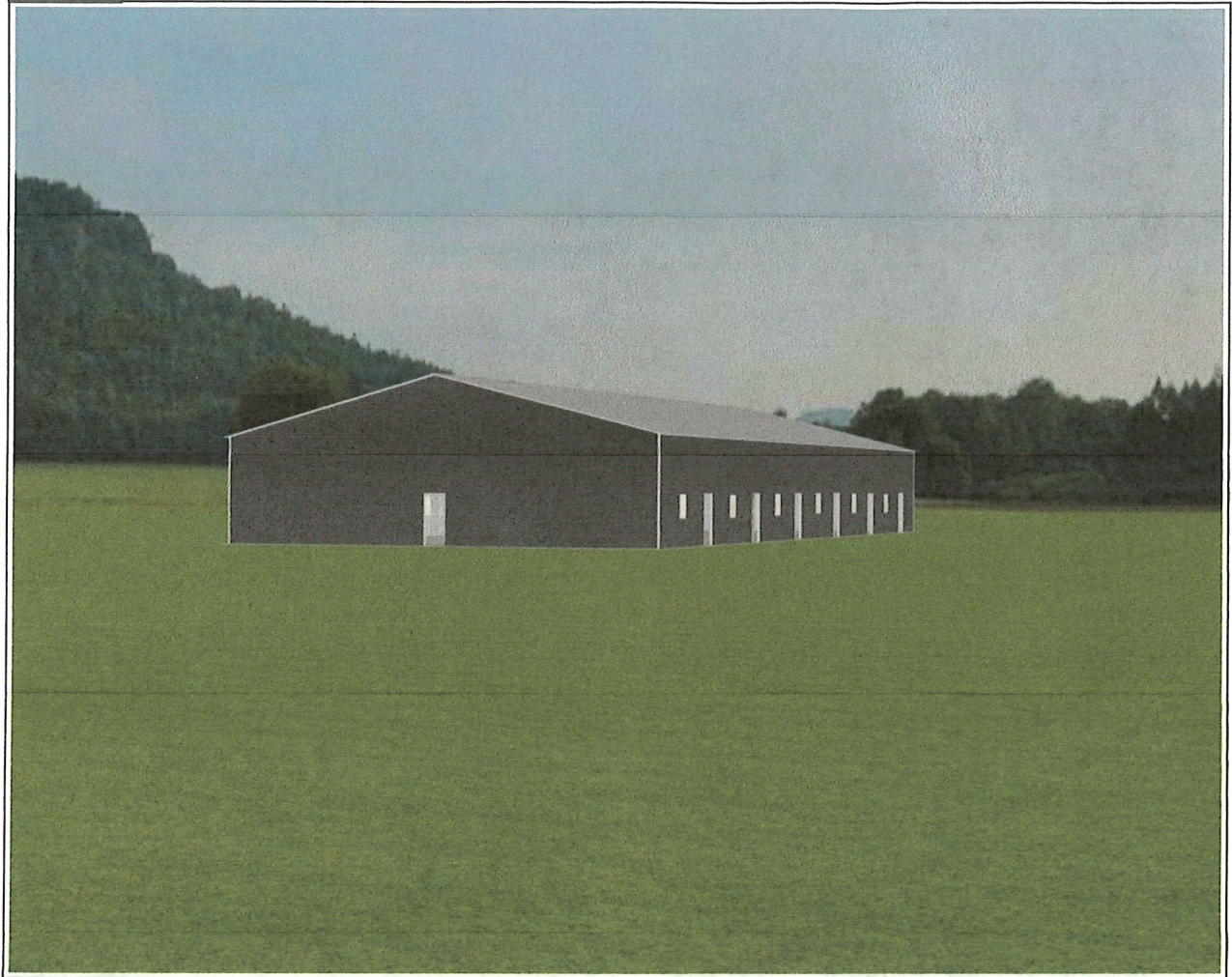
An unsheltered person should have the fundamental right to make their own decisions.

Life skills training is often necessary to prevent a re-occurring situation.

Peer support is critical to effect change.

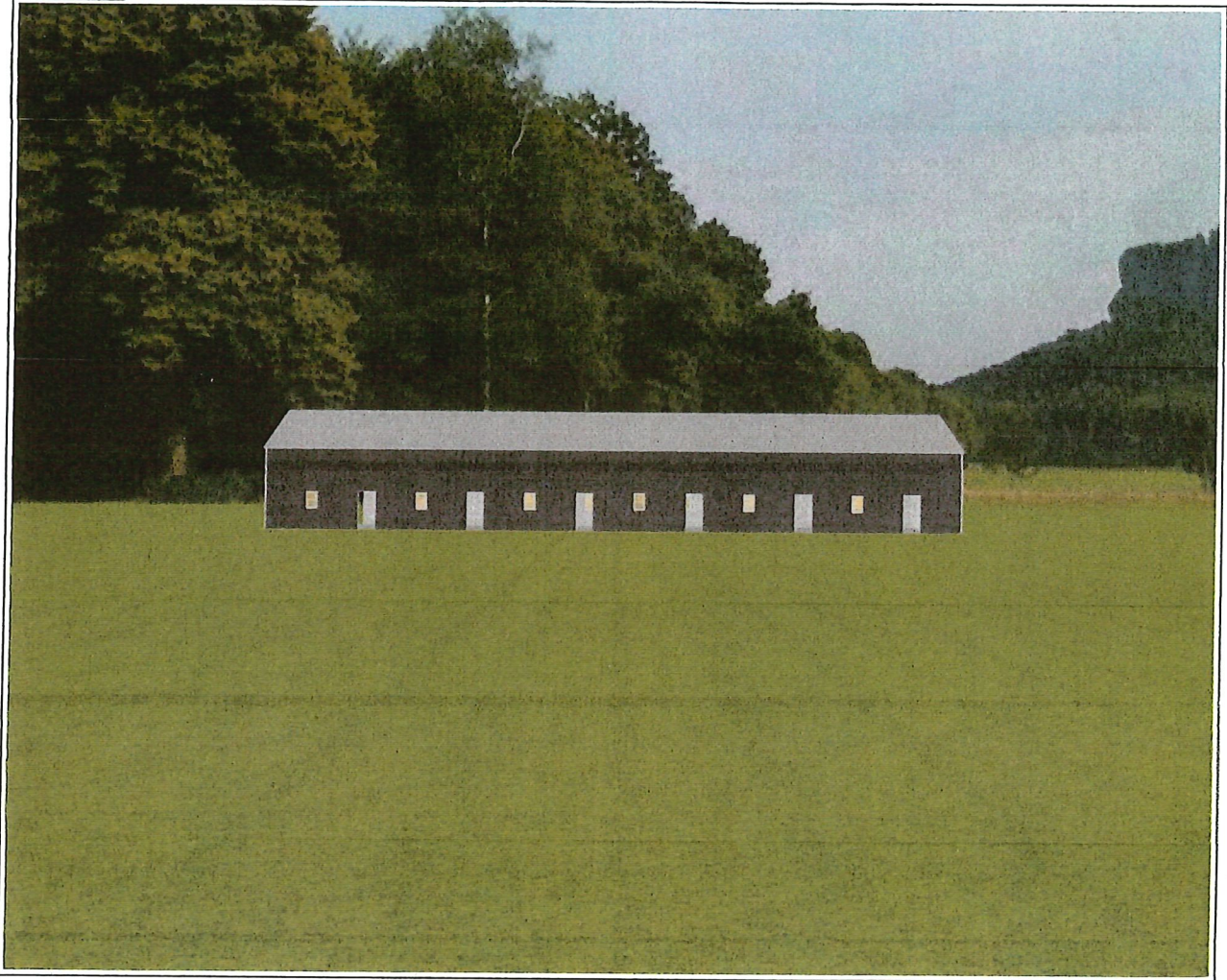
HTAV is a local 501(c)3 non-profit that provides emergency temporary assistance to those who find themselves in an unsheltered situation. They are striving to eventually provide a dedicated shelter type facility in Ashe County. For anyone interested in supporting this effort, contributions can be made by deposit at LifeStore Bank to Hope Thru A Vision or at [PayPal.me/hopethruavision](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fhopethruavision.org) or by mailing a check to Hope Thru A Vision, P.O. Box 571, Jefferson, NC 28640.

BUILDING VIEW



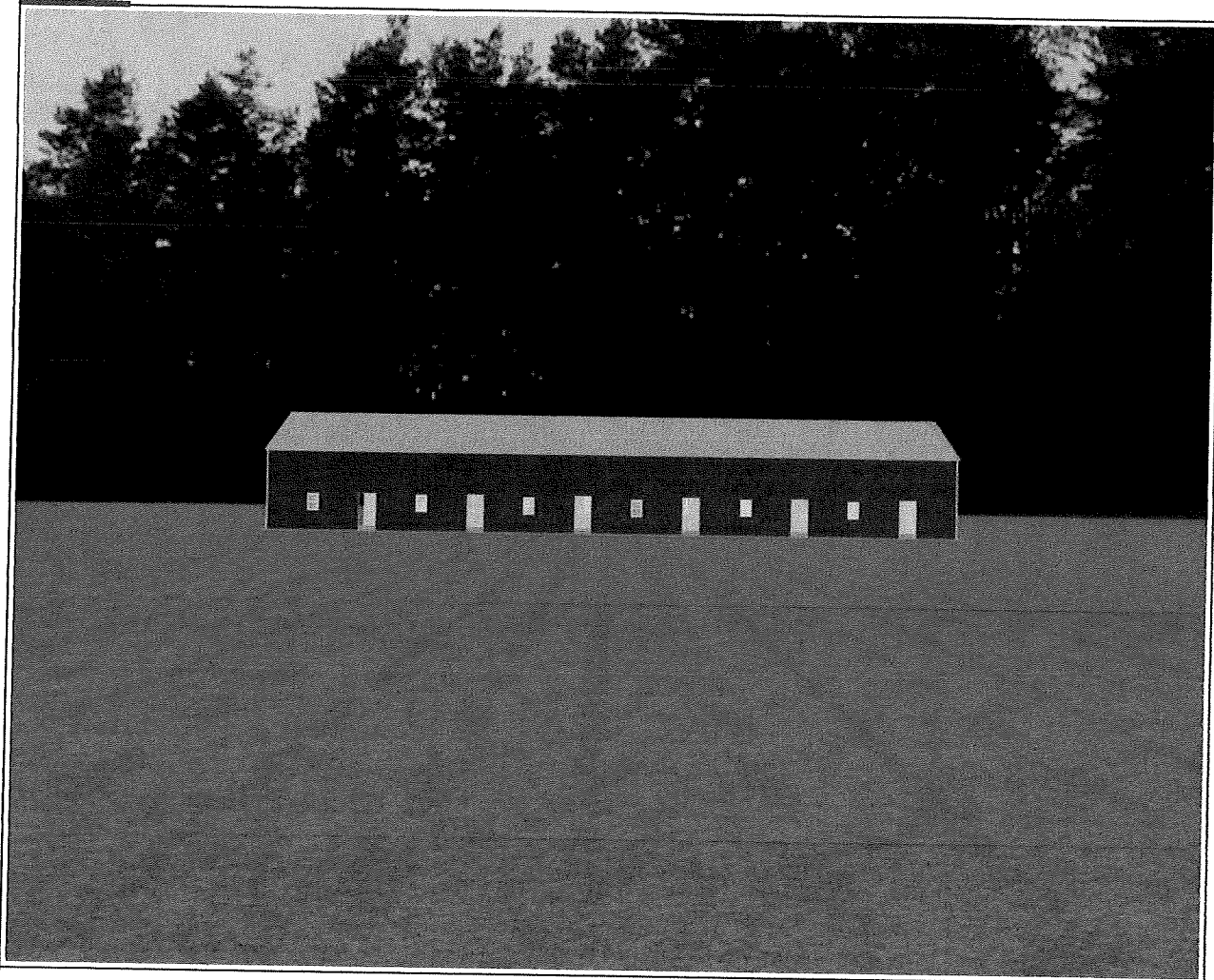
FRONT

BUILDING VIEW



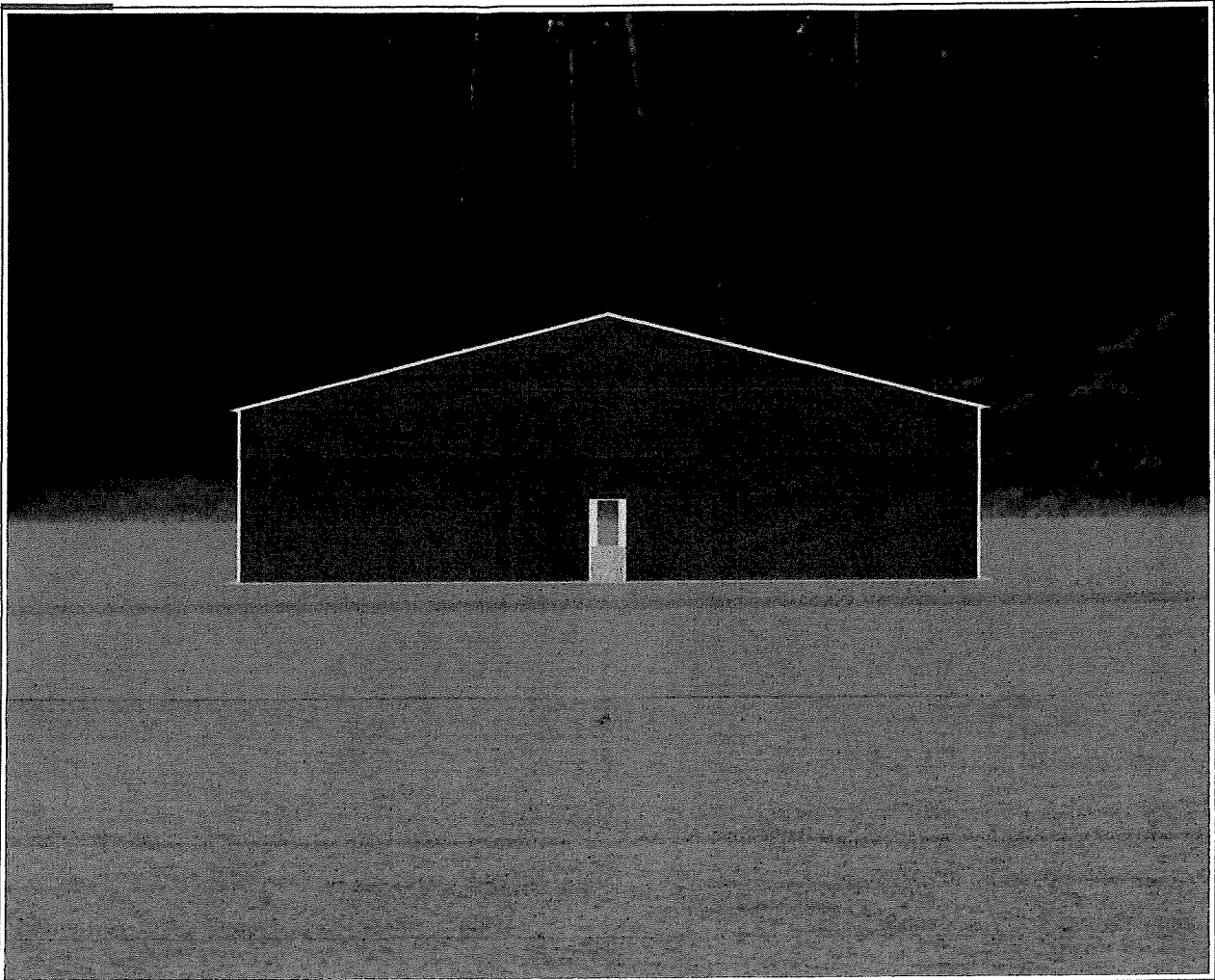
RIGHT

BUILDING VIEW



LEFT

BUILDING VIEW



BACK

36x80 inch Walk-in Frameout (Man Door) on Left Wall	1	\$100.00
24x36 inch Window (Standard) on Right Wall	1	\$180.00
24x36 inch Window (Standard) on Right Wall	1	\$180.00
24x36 inch Window (Standard) on Right Wall	1	\$180.00
24x36 inch Window (Standard) on Right Wall	1	\$180.00
24x36 inch Window (Standard) on Right Wall	1	\$180.00
24x36 inch Window (Standard) on Right Wall	1	\$180.00
24x36 inch Window (Standard) on Left Wall	1	\$180.00
24x36 inch Window (Standard) on Left Wall	1	\$180.00
24x36 inch Window (Standard) on Left Wall	1	\$180.00
24x36 inch Window (Standard) on Left Wall	1	\$180.00
24x36 inch Window (Standard) on Left Wall	1	\$180.00
24x36 inch Window (Standard) on Left Wall	1	\$180.00
Extra Bows (Included)	1	\$0.00
4ft On Center (Included)	1	\$0.00
Colored Screws	1	\$0.00
Manufacturer Discount	1	\$43,148.70
Truss Name : Standard Truss		
Risk 1 Generic Fee : \$300.00		
Freight Charges : \$2,157.00		
Lift Required : \$0.00		
NOTES	Sub Total:	\$59,586.30
	Tax	\$0.00
	Additional Charges	\$2,457.00
	Grand Total	\$62,043.30
	Pay Now	
	Downpayment	\$4,766.90
	Balance Due	\$57,276.40