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Nome Community Center Executive Director's Report

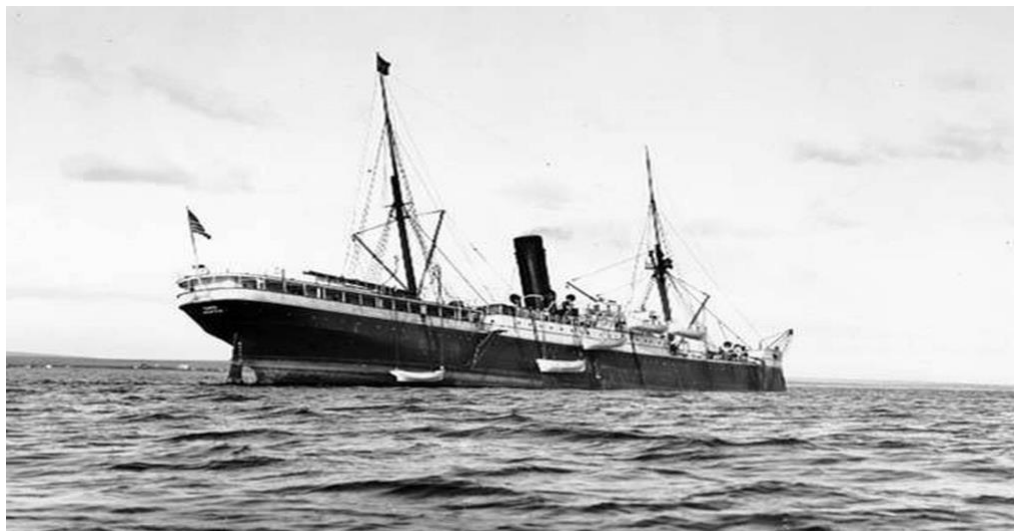
Quote

“Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute” (Psalm 82:3)

Life before in Nome

On June 1, 1908, the crowd watched and waved as the S.S. Ohio pulled away from its Seattle berth. The steamship was bound for Nome, loaded with a fresh batch of fortune seekers, mail and cargo. For its experienced captain, Charles G. Conradi, the fanfare, departure and route were routine. He had done it before and surely expected to do it again. However, this time was different. Weeks late and considered lost, the ship endured a near mutiny and the crashing ice of the Bering Sea before finally reaching its destination. Aided by the letters of a passenger, the journey of the Ohio illuminates the realities and difficulties of travel in the waning days of gold rush-era Alaska. *The challenges of living in Nome then are the same challenges we face today.*

Mutiny and ice: A treacherous 1908 journey from Seattle to Nome. <https://www.adn.com/alaska-life/2022/12/18/mutiny-and-ice-the-treacherous-1908-journey-of-the-ss-ohio-from-seattle-to-nome/>



SS Ohio (1872) anchored outside Nome, Alaska, shortly after her 1907 collision with ice. Two of her lifeboats can be seen partly lowered. (F. H. Nowell / University of Washington Digital Collections via Wikimedia Commons)

Community Service Programs

XYZ Senior Center (*Pat Ward; Melanie, Denise and Wally*)

The XYZ Senior Center offers much-needed services to our community's elders. These services include congregate meals, transportation, meal deliveries, and laundry facilities. Elders have the opportunity to socialize in the dining area, exercise in the activity room and maintain social media connectivity in the computer lab. There are 117 active consumers in these 3 grant programs;

(Grants) *USDA, Nutrition, Transportation & Services, Adult Day Services, Health Promotion/ Disease Prevention.*

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| Breakfast Served: 220 | Congregate Meals: 884 | Meals Delivered: 935 |
| Guest Meals: 20 | Transport Rides: 1,030 | Laundry Loads: 101 |
| Clients (M-51) (F-66) | ADS Consumers: 8 | Actual Units: 1,970 hours |

(NEST) Nome Emergency Shelter Team (*Shoni Evans and 9 Client Advocates*)

NEST began in response to several freezing deaths on the streets of Nome. Creating a shelter was a community grassroots effort to prevent exposure-related death by providing a warm, safe place to sleep for anyone in need. NEST opened for the season on November 1, 2022.

Community Initiative Matching Grant, Basic Homeless Assistance Program, NEST Core Support and USDA

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| # of Bed Nights: 1,437 | Meals Served: 1,701 | New Registrations: 119 |
| # of Safety Calls: 20 | # of EMS Calls: 6 | Average Bed Nights: 24 |

Housing & Homeless Prevention (*Shoni Evans*)

Permanent Supportive Housing is a proven solution to homelessness for the most vulnerable chronically unhoused community members. It pairs housing with case management and supportive services.

Special Needs Housing Grant- AHFC

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| BoS Prioritization: 52 | # Chronic Homeless: 21 | Comp/Assessments: 5 |
| # of Referral to NEST: 51 | Street Outreach: 9 | DomViolenceVics: 26 |
| Veterans: 14 | Village Returnees: 3 | Assist/Expatriation: 1 |
| Transport Assistance: 36 | # of Families Assisted: 3 | Persons W/ Disability: 17 |

Permanent Supportive Housing (*Liz Johnson and Janice Mixsooke*)

Homeless prevention efforts support families struggling to pay rent and utilities due to crisis, unemployment, or life-altering events to keep individuals and families housed. Eight chronic homeless are currently housed, some have gained employment, some are on a path to sobriety and others are getting the behavioral health services they need.

Continuum of Care- HUD; Supportive Housing Match, Special Needs Housing Grant- Alaska Housing Finance Corp;

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| Morse Apartment: | #1: 1/ M, 1/F | #3: 1/ M |
| Ponderosa #5: 1/ M | #6: 1/ M | #7: 1/ M; 1/ F (minor) |
| KingsWay # A: 1/ M | # B: 1/ M | # C: 1/ M |

Total Number in Permanent Housing: 8 (M) males, 1 (F) female, 1 (F) minor

Food Bank (*Doris Angusuc with Kathy McKibben and other volunteers*)

The Nome Food Bank is supported by Food Bank of Alaska with USDA commodities and by various community and statewide donors. It opens once a week (every Tuesday from 5:30- 7pm) offering fresh, frozen, and canned food for those who need extra support to feed their families, and many consider it a crucial lifeline. We depend on community volunteers to assist with food distribution. *Community Initiative Matching Grant-AK*

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| # of New Applications | Households: 79 | Individuals: 236 |
| # Households/ Individuals served | Households: 170 | Individuals: 513 |
| Commodities: 123 | Community Room: 40 | Homeless Community Room: 6 |
| Villagers Assisted: 6 | Donated Goods: 8 | Donated Cash: \$5,500.00 |
| # of Thanksgiving Boxes Distributed: 35 families | # of Christmas Boxes Distributed: 38 families | |
| # of New Year Boxes Distributed: 42 families | # of (\$50) Food Gift Card Distributed: 35 families | |

Family Services (*Doris Angusuc*)

Family Services is an agency referral program that assists parents and families. Family Service Coordinators work directly with the Alaska Office of Children’s Services to assist families who are at risk of separation from their children. Parenting support groups are a major focus of our work in identifying what is strong, not wrong. We believe that we all have within us the wisdom and cultural competency to manage even the most difficult challenges that confronts families.

AK- Circle of Support; Community Family Education; AK Children’s Trust

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| Number of Parents under OCS Referral: 21 | Number of Kids for Reunification: 46 |
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Nome Children Home (*Melissa Stewart, Liz Kugzruk and 13 Child Advocates*)

Our Nome Children’s Home is a 10-bed emergency housing facility for children who have been removed from their parents’ homes by the Office of Children’s Services due to reports of harm or unsafe conditions in their home. For many children, those unsafe conditions include neglect and abuse. The Nome Children’s Home seeks to keep the children in the region, minimize the effect of trauma, and support the success of families.

USDA; Residential Care for Children and Youth

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| Number of Bed Nights: 404 | Number of Placement: 8 | Initial Number of Kids: 8 |
| Number of OCS Meetings: 13 | Number of TDMs: 7 | Number of BHS visits: 46 |
| Number of Incident Reports: 4 | # of Med/ Dental/ Vision visits: 7 | Self-Harm/ Injuries: 0 |

Boys & Girls Club (*Ryan VandeVere, Philipp and Beverly*)

Nome Boys and Girls Club (B&GC) of Nome is a safe place that provides snacks, after-school care, tutoring, and valuable educational and emotional support for youth. The B&GC serves anywhere from 20 to 30 youth each weeknight. The youth of Nome benefit from building healthy social connections. B&GC is open Monday through Friday for youth ages seven to 18 years of age. Regular activities include Power Hour (homework tutoring), S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), arts and crafts, field trips, Triple Play, cultural activities, Native Youth Olympics, reading improvement programs, and more! The Nome Clubhouse Facebook page features regular updates and reminders.

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| Total Quarter Attendance: 972 | Total Snacks Served in the Quarter: 841 |
| Total “Other Youth” Served: 12 | Total Number of Volunteers in Quarter: 9 |

Nome Youth Court (*Ian Blackwelder and Meghan Topkok*)

The Nome Youth Court gives first-time juvenile offenders the opportunity to keep their crime off the record by agreeing to go on trial before their peers. The Nome Youth Court is a restorative justice system approach in which sentences focus on rehabilitation and on repairing the damage their crimes cause to the community. Sentences promote responsibility much more than solely serving punishment. The recidivism rate for those who complete their sentences is much lower than those who are at the mercy of the traditional court system. *State of Alaska Youth Court*

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| Number of Youth Court Decisions (cases decided): 2 | Number of Cases Pending: 4 |
| Number of Cases Referred by the Villages: 5 | |

Youth Camp CRAVE

Youth camp was originally started as a tobacco prevention camp and evolved into CRAVE (Culture, Recreation, Active, Values and Education) in 2013. It is a 4-day summer camp that focuses on healthy living. Some of the activities include: tobacco prevention, campfire activities, alcohol awareness, hiking, paddle boarding, social/ emotional learning, swimming, fishing, nutrition education, group games, archery, cultural activities, and more!

Schedules (2023) July 27-30 and August. 3-6. *Youth Program Funds- City of Nome*

Home Plate Nome *(Liz Johnson and Terra Development LLC)*

HomePlate Nome, LLC is a Housing First project designed to provide a path toward housing permanency for Nome's most vulnerable chronically homeless population. HomePlate Nome will provide 15 studio apartment units for single occupancy with an on-site property manager's unit. The design includes an onsite medical and mental health clinic with space for individual counseling. Construction of the HomePlate Apartments is expected to be completed by December of 2023 with a projected move in date of January 2024. Ground breaking was held in early September. The location provides tenants with easy access to public safety services, the Wellness Center and the hospital.

Grants from Federal, State, City, Alaska Native Corporations and Private Foundations.

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| Total Budget | \$ 9,800,802.00 |
| Total Pledged Amount | \$ 9,503,556.00 |
| Total Amount Received | \$ 2,682,527.00 |
| Current Pledged Balance Owed | \$ 6,821,029.00 |

Administration

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| Full Time/ Part Time Plus: 16 | Part Time: 29; | Intern: 1 | Total Workforce: 46 |
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* (Governance) Number of Active Board of Directors: 12 (Vacant); 1

* Number of Board Meetings: (3) October 27, 2022; November 7, 2022; December 8, 2022

* **Gold Seal Status of Transparency** was received from GuideStar last November 9, 2022

* **Bamboo HR** a People Data and Analytics Human Resources software was subscribed and activated.

* (ICT) **Information Communication and Technology updates:** All buildings and workstations are upgraded to **WiFi 6 (802.11ax)** Wireless Internet Protocol using OFDMA transmission gaining OBSS feature to improve network congestion and enhancing Beamforming capability between network clients in every workstation.

* **Number of Active Vehicles in Fleet: 11**

Financial Map: Funds in Banking Services; Wells Fargo, Northrim, Credit Union 1 (ending 31 Dec 2022)

| Checking Account | Savings | Commercial Deposit | Investment IntraFi |
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| \$ 308,315.53 | \$ 947,605.32 | \$ 28,613.90 | \$ 885,610.65 |

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Executive Director

Nome Community Center, Inc.

Nome Emergency Shelter Team, Inc.

HomePlate, LLC