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Navigation Center Serving Unhoused Tahoe-Truckee Residents to Open in Early 2026

Truckee, CA — December 12, 2025—The Tahoe Truckee Homeless Action Coalition (TTHAC) announced this week that the region's One-Year Navigation Center Pilot is on track to open in early 2026. Updated lease terms for the property at 12315 Deerfield Drive in Truckee (behind Taco Bell) include use of the entire building rather than half, as originally planned. While this change was necessary to secure the site, the navigation center's capacity, number of beds, and service levels will remain unchanged. The additional space will either be subleased or used as office space for staff managing the facility.

On December 16, 2025, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors will be asked to authorize the County Executive Officer to execute the lease pending final negotiations. The project remains on track to deliver the comprehensive service model outlined in the Tahoe Truckee Homeless Action Plan.

Along with moving the lease and operator agreement forward this month, TTHAC members have been hard at work raising local funds for this Pilot project. The [Fellowship of Compassion](#), TTHAC member and local faith-based organization has taken the lead with community fundraising.

“The outpouring of support from local organizations and individuals has been extraordinary. It is evident that our community stands united behind the Navigation Center,” Cindy Basso, Founder-Fellowship of Compassion

Recent weeks have seen remarkable generosity across the region, including major gifts from:

- Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation
- The Martis Fund
- Tahoe Donner Giving Fund
- Medical Executive Committee of Tahoe Forest Hospital Health System
- Six anonymous donors with contributions over \$10,000 each and dozens of donations from local residents, businesses and faith communities

“Generations of TTCF staff and board have been seeking a sustainable solution for those who need additional support for challenging times in their life, and protection from the mountain elements. Being without shelter in winter conditions can mean life or death. We are grateful to the



TTHAC leadership for their commitment to a long-term solution, and we are hopeful this Pilot will give us a pathway forward. We are so grateful to our donors for their generous support in helping make this vision, a reality," Stacy Caldwell, CEO of Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation.

"The Martis Fund is proud to support the Navigation Center and the collaboration behind it. This project gives our community a real pathway to help neighbors who are struggling, not just with shelter, but with services that make long-term stability possible. It's an important step toward a healthier, more resilient Truckee-Tahoe," Alexis Ollar, Board President, The Martis Fund.

Every contribution made from today forward will be matched 2:1 by the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation, tripling the impact of each gift. To learn more and donate go to: [The Fellowship of Compassion](#)

About the One Year Navigation Center Pilot

The Navigation Center represents a major leap forward in the region's ability to support residents experiencing both chronic and episodic homelessness. By offering year-round, 24/7 services, this model addresses long-standing gaps in crisis response, stabilization services, and pathways to permanent housing.

"This is the first time our region has had a service model that offers shelter and interim housing and support services for our unhoused neighbors around the clock, throughout the year. This long-needed resource has the potential to turn lives around for those most in need," said Rev. Clare Novak, United for Action organizer and TTHAC Member.

The Navigation Center will provide:

- 10 shelter beds
- 6 interim housing beds
- Day services including showers, meals, laundry facilities, and restrooms
- Case management and behavioral health navigation
- Connections to longer-term housing
- Mail, storage, and personal belongings support

About the Tahoe Truckee Homeless Action Coalition

The Tahoe Truckee Homeless Action Coalition is a regional initiative working to end homelessness by expanding services to serve the range of needs. TTHAC is focused on coordinating regional partners, expanding day services, interim and permanent supportive housing options, and raising awareness and funding for homeless. The One Year Navigation Center Pilot is a key priority in its Tahoe Truckee Regional Action Plan.

For more information about TTHAC: [Home | Tahoe Truckee Homeless Action Coalition](#)