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Good Morning,

My name is Lisa Reynolds - I currently work at the Family Shelter (Emmaus Homeless Shelter) in Hancock county. I have been here for nine years.

I have, over the last year, been collecting data via our phone log - I added a row to collect the town they are calling from.

Unfortunately, the state of Maine is still in dire need of Homeless Shelters. Here at the shelter we get multiple calls a day from people needing to get inside out of the weather. Multiple calls! Not only from the individual but from hospitals, crisis units, the jails - and these calls are coming from all over the state.

Our shelter is also one of the few shelters in Maine that is for families. Currently we are home to 10 children. 10 children live in our shelter because they are homeless. Say that our loud. Look at your own children. What would happen if they found themselves homeless and there was no place to go. Stand out side in one of our winter nights when it is below zero or just below freezing... now think of a baby living in a tent behind Walmart. AND more... think of that same baby living in one of the "tent cities" we see. Because that is happening also.

Please - we can not take away this resource.