



# St. Benedict's Campground: Tiny Huts



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# What is St. Benedict's Homeless Encampment?

- St. Benedict's Encampment is an Alamosa City sponsored space that is reserved for folks to camp for free.
- Established during the height of the pandemic as a way for folks who were literally homeless to isolate.
  - It is the only legal campground for people experiencing homelessness to live, without the fear of being ticketed.
- Similar encampments have been established in other communities. These communities saw that the best way to support campers is to connect them to a local service provider. La Puente is that service provider!



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# Street Outreach & St. Ben's

Street Outreach offers continual support to the residents at St. Benedict's in the following ways:

- Advocacy for basic necessities:
  - running water, fencing, cameras, porta potties, dumpsters, electricity
- Management of the Tiny Huts Program:
  - Property management, renovation, new resident intake and exit, identification of potential residents, upkeep, builder coordination
- Monthly clean-ups in partnership with the City of Alamosa
- Coordination of resource connection
- Supplies distribution
- Conflict mediation
- Law Enforcement Education and Diversion



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# Tiny Huts Program



- Saint Benedict's currently has 6 huts!
  - While the majority of the population we serve at Street Outreach has fallen onto hard times, the Tiny Hut Program mainly targets the most vulnerable of the literally homeless population. Those people are:
    - Veterans
    - Disabled
    - Stranded
    - Young
    - Old
    - Human!
- There are 6 more huts in the works
  - They cost \$5,300 a piece
  - We have raised \$7,800 so far!



# Future Projects!

1. Expanding the electrical grid to include every hut and adding more electrical outlets throughout St. Ben's
  2. Building a covered gazebo space that can be used as a communal eating and gathering spot
  3. Adding more cameras
  4. Adding another dumpster and water facet at the opposite end of St. Ben's
  5. Including fire extinguishers w/ each hut
  6. Continuing to add shelving, exterior lighting, gutters, high grade locks, stairs and ramps to existing huts
  7. Installing solar interior lighting to huts
  8. New huts?! There may be a potential addition of 3 huts funded through the LEAD/Center of Restorative Programs initiative
- Goal: to provide safe transitional options for individuals who have a criminal history



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# The Process...



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# Current Huts in Progress: Completion expected early Dec

