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**Shelter the Homeless announces operators for the new
Homeless Resource Centers**

Catholic Community Services of Utah, Volunteers of America Utah and The Road Home will each operate a center

SALT LAKE CITY (Nov. 15, 2018) — Shelter the Homeless announced today the operators for the new Homeless Resource Centers that are currently under construction and scheduled to open in June of 2019. The following service providers have been selected to operate the centers:

- Catholic Community Services (CCS) of Utah will operate the 200-bed men and women resource center located at 275 Paramount Ave, Salt Lake City.
- Volunteers of America Utah will operate the 200-bed women resource center located at 131 East 700 South, Salt Lake City.
- The Road Home will operate the 300-bed men resource center located at 3380 South 1000 West, South Salt Lake.

“Selecting the operators is a critical next step in a series of system-wide changes to the homeless services delivery system,” said Harris Simmons, Board President of Shelter the Homeless. “With the operators selected, we are ready to move forward working with the state, county and community partners in planning the transition.”

Contracts will be finalized over the coming weeks, allowing for the next step in building out the transition plan in moving from the downtown shelter to the new resource center model. Shelter the Homeless will own the land and facilities and work closely with each of the operators to ensure the centers are working to minimize homelessness in Salt Lake County.

Statement from Matt Melville, CCS homeless services director:

Catholic Community Services of Utah feels it is a great privilege to have served Utah’s homeless population for the past 51 years. We are honored to have been selected to operate one of the new Homeless Resource Centers and are excited for this new joint venture with Shelter the Homeless and the other providers. We look forward to working on new solutions to help those experiencing homelessness reach self-sufficiency, including access to housing and job training. CCS will continue to serve all those most in need in our community regardless of their circumstance.

Statement from Kathy Bray, VOA of Utah president and CEO:

It is honor for Volunteers of America, Utah to continue supporting people experiencing homelessness, addiction and mental illness along the Wasatch Front. At the new resource center with our dedicated staff and with the support of volunteers, we will provide a bridge to self-reliance and health for vulnerable women exiting homelessness. We look forward to working out the details in the contract and supporting our community with this new direction.

Statement from Matt Minkevitch, The Road Home executive director:

Our team is grateful for this opportunity. We are honored to work beside Shelter the Homeless and our fellow partners in this new collaboration. We are ready for this next chapter and committed to ensuring the center will be a place where people can step out of homelessness and back into the community. This change to the new resource center model presents a great deal of opportunity for those experiencing homelessness to get better services and support.

More details will follow in coming months on next steps and the transition plan as Shelter the Homeless works with the state, county, local cities and community partners.

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About Shelter the Homeless:

Shelter the Homeless is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization created in 1988, to serve the public good “through the alleviation of human suffering.” To fulfill this mission, Shelter the Homeless owns land and facilities in trust for the homeless, including the three new resource centers in Salt Lake County. In addition, Shelter the Homeless works to select and monitor service providers in those facilities, work collaboratively with a broad coalition of stakeholders and provide greater accountability for the safety of those experiencing homelessness and for communities where services are received. For more information, visit <https://homelessutah.org>.