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LightWorks and Kaleidoscope Community Services Partner In Housing The Homeless In Tiny Houses

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, June 6, 2016 – LightWorks and Kaleidoscope Community Services have set up a partnership to house the homeless in tiny houses around the community. The two nonprofit companies share similar faith-based values, and a desire help the homeless get themselves off the streets long term. The first step in this exciting new relationship occurred Friday June 3rd when LightWorks donated a tiny house, The Avondale, to Kaleidoscope for temporarily housing a homeless couple, Lacey and Ryan, and their dog.



The Avondale is 189 sq. ft. with a sleeping loft, a kitchen, a bathroom, and a living room; and it has the standard RV travel trailer hook-ups for any RV park. Additional details can be found on the LightWorks website, <http://lightworksproject.com/tinyhouses.html#avondale>. The Avondale has been built as part of a vocational training and recovery program run by LightWorks, teaching tiny house construction to people coming out of substance abuse rehab or out of prison on felony probation or parole. The tiny house is currently set up at mobile home park in Coeur d'Alene.

Kaleidoscope Community Services, a 501c3 nonprofit Idaho corporation, has been helping homeless persons find housing in creative ways. Through their 'Friends Helping Friends' program, KCS places homeless persons who are in the program in donated RV trailers and motorhomes in local RV parks as well as in rental houses and mobile homes. Over the last three winters, through the donations of generous people, KCS has been able to place eighteen homeless persons in housing.

KCS also runs the '2nd Street Commons'; located at 405 N. 2nd Street in downtown CDA; where homeless persons can find help with connecting to local community services. The 2nd Street Commons is also home to a variety of faith-based groups that serve the local community.

LightWorks is a DBA of Shepherd's Table Inc, a 501c3 nonprofit Idaho corporation. Our mission is "To build and donate tiny houses to help rebuild the lives of the people served by LightWorks, local ministries, and local churches". Ken Gilbert, Executive Director of LightWorks, said "We know how difficult it is for people coming out of rehab or prison or people living on the streets to get a job, find a place to live, and become a contributing member of our community. Our goal is to help them without enabling them. We build tiny houses as a way to rebuild lives."

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