

Newly-opened Tigard shelter targets homeless adult males

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A transitional shelter for single adult males — one of the most underserved groups in Washington County's homeless population — has been established in Tigard.

It's called the Jubilee Transition Home, and it's located at 13543 SW Ashbury Lane.

Gerry Pruyn, a member of Tualatin's Rolling Hills Community Church, along with Beaverton resident George La Du of Trinity Evangelical Church in Tigard, spearheaded the effort to open the eight-bed shelter.

The home, managed by Rolling Hills member Chris Miles and supported by a three-member board of directors, is currently situated to accept six men — and soon

Gerry Pruyn of Tualatin

will open its doors to eight.

“Chris and I started the cold-weather shelter at Rolling Hills, and this was the next obvious step,” said Pruyn, who lives in Tualatin.

Pruyn said he scoured Craigslist.com for more than two months before locating an appropriate home to rent and turn into a shelter for homeless men.

Those approved for temporary residency will be allowed to stay at the Jubilee Transition Home for up to 18 months while they look for work and a place of their own. For information about Jubilee Transition Homes, visit www.jubileeth.vpweb.com.