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**Community Action Speaker Series  
Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 7 pm at the Community Café  
Creative Solutions to Address Homeless**

**HRDC's Community Action Speaker Series will continue on December 6th with a presentation on collaborative and creative solutions to help address area homelessness. The presentation will begin at 7 pm at HRDC's Community Café, 302 North 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Bozeman.** Guests are invited to enjoy a meal at the Café prior to the presentation (Café opens at 5 pm).

Sara Savage, Housing Director at HRDC will introduce some community solutions and lead discussion on addressing the growing number of homeless individuals in our community. Guest Speakers include: Connie Campbell-Pearson - Deacon at St James Episcopal Church and Ralph Johnson - Architecture Professor at MSU.

Campbell will share with guests the Canterbury House which is the only transitional housing program available to homeless women in the area. St James has partnered with HRDC's Housing First program, which provides a holistic response to addressing homelessness in our community.

Johnson led students in the School of Architecture's **Design for the Community Studio**. This semester his students have researched the issue of **Homelessness in Bozeman, Montana** and developed full scale prototype shelters as a socially responsible and cost effective means of addressing this condition.

In facilitating this discussion Savage will also provide an update on HRDC's Warming Center a seasonal homeless shelter that opened on November 1<sup>st</sup>. This season has already provided shelter to 86 individuals with the center averaging 30 guests per evening and increase from last year at this time.

The Community Action Speaker Series will run through May 2017. A complete list of speakers and topics can be found at **thehrdc.org**.

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