


“There are nice people serving good food. The shelter is made to make us feel safe.”

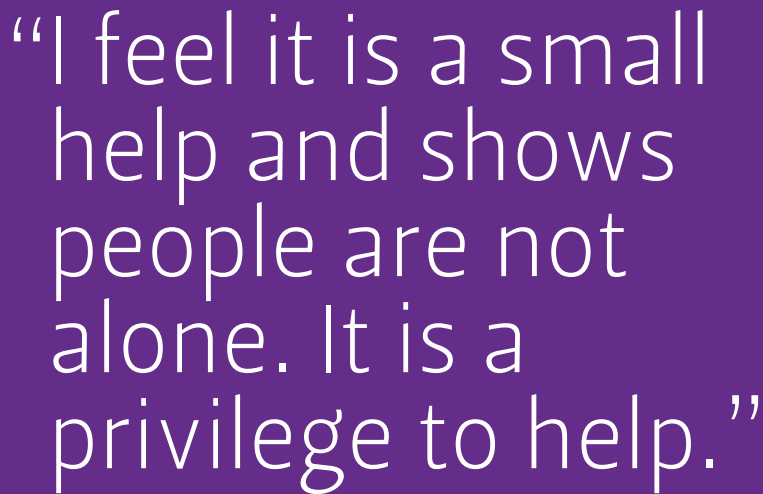
“We don't have to stay on the street at night where it's dangerous.”

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“I used to work and look after myself. I want to get back to doing that again.”

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“I feel it is a small help and shows people are not alone. It is a privilege to help.”

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For 15 years Bethany Christian Trust has provided emergency overnight care shelters during the winter for people in Edinburgh who have no-where else to sleep.

The Care Shelter in Edinburgh was open for 154 nights between the start of November 2009 and early April 2010 when 879 people used the Shelter. The Shelter provides 5,636 bed spaces and a further 1,158 meals to people who stayed for food and then moved on.

This winter 28 churches provided locations for the care shelter and 75 churches helped with catering and other support. There were 815 volunteers making this happen.

The quotes are from an independent survey of people using the care shelters and of volunteers, written by Outside the Box. The full report is on the websites: www.otbds.org and www.bethanychristiantrust.com. The support from Outside the Box is part of the Working Towards project and is part-funded by the Big Lottery Fund.

