



## Health Care for the Homeless: Respite Program

To make a referral to Respite Care, call Bethany Divakaran at 612-385-3970.

### What is the Respite Program?

The Respite Program provides a shelter bed and nursing care for homeless adults recovering from illness or injury or who have recently been released from the hospital. By providing respite care, Hennepin helps homeless individuals recover and prevent further complications or re-hospitalization.

### Who is eligible?

Any individual who meets Hennepin County shelter eligibility requirements who is living:

- Outside or on the streets.
- In a shelter or transitional housing facility.
- Or with friends or relatives (“doubled-up” or “couch hopping”).

and:

- Is homeless.
- Recovering from an acute medical problem, such as frostbite, fractures, pneumonia, or recent hospitalization.
- Does not require a skilled-nursing facility or 24-hour supervision.

- Can perform daily living activities, such as feeding and toileting.
- Is medically and psychiatrically stable.
- Can behave appropriately.
- Is compliant with shelter rules.
- Is willing to cooperate with respite staff.

### Where are services provided?

The Respite Program is provided at:

**Salvation Army – Harbor Light**  
1010 Currie Ave. , Minneapolis