



HAAT Force End of Season Report

October 1, 2025 – April 30, 2026

HAAT Force saw many changes related to growth this year, and we are so thankful for the support of the High Plains Region during this time! The growth of the organization is vital to address the continued increasing need of shelter during severe weather for those who are unhoused.

HAAT Force hired additional staffing to support the increased need within our community. In addition to having a full-time Executive Director, HAAT Force also increased the Program Director's position to full-time as well with Julie filling that role beautifully. Tiffany, our wonderful Severe Weather Assistant from last season continued employment with HAAT Force, and we were able to hire an additional Severe Weather Assistant, Amber, who did an amazing job providing support to Tiffany's role. We made a strong team and our participants felt so loved, supported, and seen.

Over time we've identified a significant need to provide support for, and maintain contact with, our participants outside of the severe weather season. This season magnified the need due to the unseasonably warm weather, which reduced the number of voucher days and days sheltered in motels. Resource Days were designed to be a time when participants, volunteers, and community partners could come together on weeks we didn't have severe weather and connect, receive a meal, clothing, hygiene items, and case management support. The success of the Resource Days has been significant, as participants are more relaxed and able to focus on case management services since they weren't focused on surviving the weather, which led to more success obtaining medical care, employment or employment training, transportation support, and housing.

On the last Friday of every month, during the summer months, HAAT Force is partnering with Hornbuckle Foundation to provide a BBQ for our participants. It has been an amazing experience getting to spend time with our participants while eating a burger or hot dog, doing crafts, playing Giant Jenga, or just talking!

We were able to shelter a total of 22 nights, including an early May voucher event due to the late snowstorm that came through. We were able to shelter in May, outside of our severe weather season, due to having a strong team, and generous financial support.

Funding from the High Plains Region provided lifesaving severe weather shelter for 3 families and their pets for the duration of the severe weather season (22 nights).

Data for the 2026-2027 Severe Weather Season:

Registered Clients: 276 Adults, 12 Children, 35 Dogs

Voucher Events: On Average per Night ~ 37 rooms with 48 beds were provided to an average of 48 adults, 3 children and 8 dogs

Meals Provided: 2000+

Case Management: 7 Partner Organizations joined us on Voucher Days

Participants housed or moving towards housing security: 7



Thank you for your valuable support!

Sincerely,

Sienna McGrath

Sienna McGrath, and the HAAT Force Team