

The  
**PHOENIX**  
**Daytime Drop-In Center**

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## GRAND OPENING AND A FREE CONCERT

The Phoenix Daytime Drop-in Center is a powerful new resource for the homeless residents in our community. It's time to share the excitement with C-U. We will be celebrating our **Grand Opening on Saturday, August 16, from 2-5pm**. The Phoenix is located at 215 S. Neil St., on the NW corner of Neil and White in downtown Champaign.

A special **ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 3pm**.

The Phoenix provides a variety of new services to help the homeless. The room is laid out with plenty of tables and chairs, board games, 2 computers for public access to the Web, an art corner with paint and drawing materials, a comfy library, coffee for 25 cents a cup, a telephone for public use with private voicemail, and the offer of our address to use to receive mail.

We also partner with the local Continuum of Care to provide a **Help Desk for the Homeless** that will do a triage interview and then refer visitors to a variety of resources that can assist them.

**Truly a Blessing – Champaign Dogs** will be providing hot dogs for the grand opening. These will be prepared by one of the formerly homeless residents we are housing and supporting. He has extensive catering and restaurant experience and hopes to begin his own business with a hot dog cart soon.

New opportunities to offer your **financial support** for the financial stability of the Phoenix will be available at our Grand Opening.

ALSO, there will be a **FREE concert this weekend at the Phoenix with Sean Michel from Arkansas on Sunday afternoon, August 3, at 4pm**. We will start out with an open mic time at 3:30pm for anyone interested in singing, playing, or sharing. All donations will support the Phoenix. Sean Michel has a sound like the rockin' delta blues and was a contestant on American Idol, season 6. You can find out more about Sean and his band at: [www.electricdelta.net](http://www.electricdelta.net). This concert is being presented in partnership with the Audiofeed Music Festival.

