

I Am Now receives donations to stay open

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A week after a public plea for funding help, the High Point nonprofit I Am Now says it has enough money to stay open through at least August.

Similar to many nonprofits in a tough economy, that doesn't mean that all needs are filled for the home that helps homeless young adults get established in with jobs and their own homes.

"We're just short-staffed, and that's the bottom line," said Travis Burrell , director of the home. After a News & Record story about the home's financial status last week, Burrell said that he's received nearly \$14,000 in donations to help keep the home afloat longer. He's always looking for volunteers, he said.

I Am Now currently receives \$6,000 per month from the Guilford County Department of Social Services, and will receive an additional \$20,000 from the county as well in the form of a reimbursed grant approved by the county commissioners.

Last week, Burrell said that his group had roughly \$500 in the bank and was at risk of closing its doors because expected funds from a private donor did not appear in its 2009-10 budget.