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For over sixty years, the Pine Street Inn has provided food, clothing, and shelter to the homeless men and women of Boston. Throughout that time the Inn’s philosophy has remained the same: “Our doors are open to all.”

The Inn has 300 beds for men and 50 for women, but sometimes as many as 80 additional men spend the night there, on the floors and benches of the two lobbies. The beds are assigned each night, on a first-come, first-served basis. The guests line up to get their bed tickets, line it up for food, and then line up for showers.

The people who live at Pine Street come from many walks of life, and include a former professor and a former opera singer. Most suffer from alcoholism, and a number of them come from the wards of the state mental hospital. Although many are elderly, there are a number of young guests as well.

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