



## A Wintertime First for Our Single Homeless Sisters: Over 4 Consecutive Months of Overnight Shelter

On the evening of December 21, 2020, history was officially made when the doors opened to the Winter Contingency Program (WCP)'s emergency overnight shelter for single/unaccompanied women to offer 131 consecutive nights of warm, safe slumber from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. through April 30. Our role in the Winter Contingency Program is especially timely, as we plan to open our permanent shelter in spring 2021.

Since that historic date, 53 unique (unduplicated) women have slept at the shelter during more than 500 total overnight stays. The average time spent at the shelter is 8 days/nights, with 32 the longest duration. The women's daytime warming center, adjacent to the nighttime shelter, is open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. In years past, guests would have to leave during these 12 hours, regardless of the weather conditions.

These new accommodations for women and the warming center for men, all located at 301 W. Superior Street, are made possible through the generous funding of the City's Office of Housing and Neighborhood Services. All guests have access to 3 meals a day provided by local restaurants, church and civic groups, and individual donors. Contributions of vital supplies have also been bountiful. This remarkable outpouring of love and compassion for our homeless neighbors is a clear testament to the extraordinary heart of our community. On behalf of our single homeless sisters, we offer our heartfelt gratitude!

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### More Poignant Numbers

Hosting guests at the women's daytime warming center affords the WCP team and case managers at Just Neighbors Interfaith Homeless Network, our co-lead on this project, the opportunity to connect guests to services supporting their journey to self-sufficiency. Thus far, due to their diligence and dedication:

- 2 guests moved into an apartment.
- 2 guests have impending housing.
- 4 guests have been reunited with family members.
- 4 guests qualified for services offered by other shelters.



### A Heart-Tugging Letter

Grace House is the unofficial name given to the women's accommodations in the WCP. The resident scribe, a guest who has come so far since she first arrived, took pen to paper to share what the WCP, the onsite team, and the vision of St. Joseph Missions Women's Shelter mean to our single homeless sisters. Her eloquent expression of the gratitude felt by the women we are honored to serve melted our hearts. We are certain it will touch yours!

To the St. Joseph Mission:

Thank you for supporting the Ladies Home at Grace House. This shelter provides a much needed service for homeless women in our community. Most of the ladies here do not qualify for other shelters and would end up on the street. With nothing to go, in the current weather conditions we would not have survived if your generosity and Grace House did not exist. Grace House is a loving, warm, and safe place where we can rest and begin to rebuild our lives. We are so grateful for your giving hearts - thinking about us and praying for our needs.

## Gifts of the Heart



From brick and room sponsorships in honor or memory of a loved one, to items to complete our kitchen through Pampered Chef, we have a variety of ways to share the love while providing a safe refuge and Path to Hope for our single homeless sisters.

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