Statements for Hotel Not Graves Residents

Ronald, 64

“I have been able to get proper rest and medical services that I needed to stop my ankles from swelling. The hotel is quiet, peaceful and clean. The tenants and organizations have been very helpful to meet all my needs.”

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Aiyahnna, 39

“I am unhoused and a resident medic in the hotel program. In order to end homelessness we have to save ourselves. The Village and East Oakland Collective have done that and more.”

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Aki, 47

“During this difficult time it’s been a blessing to have shelter. It has decreased my anxiety and stress that was always hanging over head. Just this room gives hope for my future.”

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Daniel, 70

“I’m so thankful to have a safe place to sleep, wash up, cook. I’m Rasta so I do my best to live ital despite my circumstances. Everyday is warfare on the streets, it’s not safe and especially during this disease.”

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“Through this program we receive hot meals-- which we haven't had in months. My daughter was excited for the hotel room and to be able to take a hot shower. We see old faces in this program.”

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JUAUANA, 33

“Being able to shelter in place with other curbside residents has made the work of serving, supporting and empowering our people easier.”

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NEEDA BEE, 49

Having this hotel room has allowed us to wash our hands all day. We are able to keep up on our hygiene which helps prevent COVID-19.

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JOYOUS, 18

I'm grateful that we are not on the streets. We've been on the streets so long since my husband died. Now we are warm, we can take showers everyday and wash our hands. It's better than living in our car.

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PATRICIA, 48 & DAUGHTER, 15

Sheltering in place at the hotel prevents me from going all the way to Dublin to take a shower. Me and the baby have been sleeping better because I'm not always on alert.

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VENESSA, 25 & SON, 10 MONTHS

Having a bed, shower, going to the bathroom like a human, water, kitchen to cook and store food-- these are things being in a hotel room has changed for me from being in the streets.

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DOLORES, 75