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"...shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, and provide a path to personal self sufficiency..."

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center is grateful to report that through many conversations and agreements with Mendocino County staff, we have arranged to continue to provide shelter to those in our community who have no homes during the Shelter in Place orders. On March 31, individuals eligible for the Mendocino County Pandemic Motel Voucher program, by meeting the criteria below, were moved from the Hospitality House, Transitional Housing and the Coast Winter Shelter into individual rooms at a local motel. Currently there are 11 people who qualify. Our staff have continued to provide daily case management, check ins and delivered meals to those individuals.

The County Voucher criteria includes:

- a. People aged 65 years or older
- b. People suffering from chronic lung disease, moderate to severe asthma, or serious heart conditions
- c. People who are immunocompromised including cancer treatment
- d. People of any age with severe obesity or poorly controlled diabetes, renal failure or liver disease.
- e. Families with children who are experiencing street-level homelessness

In addition, the three-week extension of our Coast Winter Shelter in our church facilities is ending tomorrow morning, April 7. Starting tomorrow, we will be moving people from the winter shelter into motel rooms. MCHC will have staff on site 24 hours a day. MCHC will continue to provide meals, delivering them to the motel. Those who are staying at our Coast Shelter will be sheltering in place and will not be going to the Hospitality House for any services including meals.

After moving the 'at risk' Hospitality House guests to motel rooms, those guests who remain sheltering in place at our year-round shelter have been spread out to reduce the close quarters and leave the premises only for essential needs. On March 20, we erected an event tent in our HH courtyard to provide the outside meals in a COVID-19 safe environment and outside guests were no longer allowed to come inside the House. MCHC staff have been supplied with masks and gloves and everyone is practicing hygiene consistent with the COVID-19 protocols.

We are so thankful to our community, the City of Fort Bragg, Mendocino County and the state for recognizing the great need and vulnerability of those who have nowhere to shelter in place as we all try to do our best to stem the tide of this pandemic. We also want to recognize the efforts and resiliency of our amazing staff, for continuing to do this difficult work under even greater challenging and changing conditions. Their commitment is worth a commendation. Just as our front-line healthcare providers deserve.