



January 26, 2018

Mayor Jim Bouley
City Hall
41 Green Street
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Mayor Bouley,

The Concord Coalition to End Homelessness would like to express our appreciation to you and the City Councilors for your support of the Concord Winter Shelter. This funding is making it possible to operate the winter shelter in a safe and secure manner.

I can share some mid-winter statistics with you. The Winter Shelter opened on December 18, 2017, and the number of guests per night has ranged from 19 to 44. In December, there was an average of 22 guests per night, and in January there has been an average of 34 guests per night.

At the interim location at St. Peter's Church, the shelter is able to accommodate families in separate rooms in the basement. So far, three different families have made use of the shelter, and they stayed 10, 13 and 19 nights, respectively. As you know, the new winter shelter we are constructing behind our existing Resource Center will not have the capacity to serve families. This spring, CCEH will be convening providers who serve homeless families, including the Friends Program, Family Promise of Greater Concord, and City of Concord Human Services, to find an approach to make sure there is an adequate safety net for homeless families next winter.

Please express our gratitude, and the gratitude of the people served at the winter shelter, to the members of the City Council.

Sincerely,

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cc: Tom Aspell, City Manager

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