**To**: Guests experiencing homelessness at Best Western & Comfort Inn

**From**: Greater Hartford Coordinated Access Network (CAN)

**Date**: May 1, 2020

**Re**: TIME TO MOVE TO HOUSING!

WE ALL KNOW THAT THIS COVID-19 CRISIS IS HARD FOR EVERYONE. THINGS ARE RAPIDLY CHANGING. We want you to stay safe and healthy during this pandemic. The safest place for you is **your own home**.

**Your stay in the hotel is temporary**. There are no guarantees that the funds for hotel rooms and food will continue into June. We want to help you move into your own home, the safest place for you to be.

We also want you to know: THERE IS SOME ADDITIONAL MONEY TO HELP YOU, BUT THOSE FUNDS WILL BE ENDING SOON. **IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO TO ACT NOW.**

If you have any income, we can **help you with a security deposit and one or two months of rent. THE MONEY IS AVAILABLE DUE TO THE CRISIS AND MUST BE USED QUICKLY. It is available on a first come, first serve basis.**

If you think you can’t afford to get an apartment by yourself, you have choices:

1. **Get a roommate or roommates**

Picture yourself getting your keys to an apartment with your two friends. You each only have to pay $350 a month by sharing the $1,050 monthly rent. Sharing an apartment with friends is easier than sharing a hotel room. It’s much better than sharing a bathroom with 40 people in shelter.

1. **Live with your family or friends, if they are willing to take you in**

The funds can help you go back to living with your family, if possible. We may help pay for some bills at their place. Your case manager can help you contact your family to start the discussion, if you are interested.

1. **Start in a STUDIO APARTMENT**
2. **Rent a room**

You can look for your own apartment or room, or get some help from your case manager. Staff at the hotel can give you a print-out of recent apartment leads. We can also start a list of people looking for roommates.

The rules have changed due to COVID so it can be an easier and quicker process to get into an apartment.

There are still over 100 people living on the street in Hartford. YOU can help out by moving into your own place. When we work together, we can help people staying outside and keep them safe too. In the end, the safest place for everyone is in their own housing.

Let’s look at your options if you have some income or are eager/willing to work. There is funding available to help with security deposit and rent **now.** There are no guarantees on how long this funding will last.

If you don’t have a case manager, please let the staff working at the hotel know you are interested or when you have found an apartment.

Journey Home apartment lists: ask staff at the hotel or view it online at:

[**https://tinyurl.com/GHCANHousingList**](https://tinyurl.com/GHCANHousingList)