



## Thanks to You:

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Donors and volunteers, like you, served a total of 21 overnight guests this month. You established 3 guests in a 3 bedroom transitional apartment. You supported 5 guests while they searched for employment and secured jobs. You supported 9 guests as they applied for rental assistance and were able to move out of our program or stay in their current homes.

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### Black Lives Matter!

While only 13% of the United States population is Black, Black Americans make up 40% of people experiencing homelessness in this country.\*

Dear Friend,

On the heels of George Floyd's murder and racial inequality demonstrations that have rocked the world, it's time to listen.

Listening is hard work and not something that comes naturally to me. I like to get up and go everyday and check off a list of things to accomplish. I don't put listening on my to-do list, but it is one of the most important tasks I can do in a day. It allows someone to take some of what they are struggling with and pass a little of that weight onto another person ... asking them if they will help carry that load.

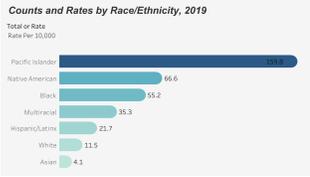
There are a lot of burdens to carry right now. Many people are struggling financially, emotionally, physically. At Out of the Cold, we saw an increase in average nightly guests from 18 in September 2019 to 31 last month. The pressures of a pandemic and deep wounds of racism are gripping us and asking us to listen.

We open the doors of the shelter everyday ready to receive whoever needs a home. But each of our guests need much more than a home. They need to be heard. To share their cries for help, even if they don't know what they are seeking.

At Out of the Cold, we recognize that everyone is welcome in our home. We are ready to listen.

Sarah Potter, Program Manager

\*2019 Homeless Assessment Report to Congress



**Long Time Volunteer, Matt Ishler Says:**

"Through each person met and story heard, homelessness moves from being an abstract circumstance to a personal story happening right here and can be changed."

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