

JOIN's COVID-19 Needs List



JOIN is working to support people experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity. The nature of COVID-19 has severely impacted critical services that our community relies on. JOIN is seeking donations to allow us the flexibility to respond to the urgent needs that our neighbors are facing.

We are requesting support for the following:

- **Rent assistance:** for households that are not exempt from rent due to the eviction moratorium.
- **Motel vouchers:** for people experiencing homelessness that are at high risk in a congregate shelter setting, we need of flexible funds to get people into motels to self-quarantine.
- **Food:** we utilize the Oregon Food Bank to create food boxes for the households we serve that are at the highest risk and/or have varied mobility. Often, we need to supplement food boxes with purchased items such as fresh produce, culturally specific food, and food that is dietary compliant, for example: providing specific food for someone managing diabetes.
- **Transportation:** at this time, we are discouraging our participants from using mass transit. Instead, we are providing people with gas cards and finding alternative options if we are unable to safely transport people ourselves.
- **Technology:** many families with school aged children don't have technology access to support online learning. Also, many folks that are in social isolation don't have the same connectivity to their friends and family through phone calls and video conferencing. We'd like to purchase PCs and tracfones with reloadable minutes/text/data. By bridging the digital

divide, we will support children's ongoing learning and encourage social connectivity while maintaining physical isolation.

- **Hygiene:** we're providing hygiene kits through our Day Space that serves folks currently experiencing homelessness. We are seeking donations of these items, but will also continue to purchase items for folks as needed to hand out in our Day Space – including soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wipes, and hand sanitizer.
- **PPE:** we are requesting staff and JOIN friends to make masks. We don't want to divert resources from medical professionals, so we are purchasing the materials necessary to make the masks. We are sourcing items such as gloves, and portable hand washing stations for use in the Day Space.
- **Tents:** shelters are often at capacity, particularly now, and for various reasons, some people do not want to stay in shelters. As a result, we are in need of additional tents. Knowing that many people share tents, we're working to get people their own tent, in an effort to social distance.

Visit JOIN's Needs List for ongoing updates at joinpdx.org/needs

Thank you for all the ways you support JOIN!

Learn more about JOIN and how we've adapted our services on the back page.





What we are doing:

We have modified our services to minimize person-to-person contact while still supporting our friends with the resources they need.

Day Space

Offering mail pickup, hygiene kits, brown bag lunches, and coffee.

Outreach, Retention, MHT, MPSH

Conducting phone check-ins with folks on their caseloads; continuing to provide rent assistance and housing support.

In-Reach

Organizing development of three new temporary campsites for safe social distancing for folks living outside.

LRRP

Supporting residents of Jolene's First Cousin with additional sanitizing, food resources, and options for residents experiencing symptoms.

Admin

Working remotely, creating new systems to continue to operate with minimal disruption.



Our mission is to transition people out of homelessness and into permanent, stable housing.

Our success:

- In 2019, JOIN moved 1,348 individuals and families out of homelessness and into stable, permanent housing, including 161 families with children.
- 83% of the households we helped into housing retained their housing for at least 12 months.
- JOIN's retention team made more than 12,028 friendly visits to people in their new homes.
- JOIN provided over 6,248 instances of landlord or system advocacy.
- JOIN delivered over 1,500 food boxes to people in their homes.



*"Let hope be the antidote to fear.
Let solidarity be the antidote to blame.
Let our shared humanity be the antidote to our
shared threat."*

WHO Director General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

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