



01/18/17 Update from Central City Concern: Hotel Alder fire

Central City Concern (CCC) is very grateful for the community support we've received since the January 4 fire at Hotel Alder. The cause of the fire hasn't been officially determined, but fire and water damage is very extensive, and it will take several months before the Alder is habitable again. Our first concern is our 98 displaced residents, and we appreciate the Red Cross' tremendous effort to shelter 62 of them after the fire.

On Friday, Jan. 13, Red Cross closed the temporary shelter at the University of Portland, but will continue to provide meals through Jan. 20. CCC assumed responsibility for sheltering those residents, most of whom require additional support services to keep them safe and healthy. We are looking for appropriate temporary homes, but in the meantime, we opened transition shelters in two of our downtown residential buildings.

CCC staff members are doing everything they can to make displaced residents comfortable in their temporary shelter locations, and ensuring they have the opportunity to retrieve personal items from the damaged Alder. Staff are also working to minimize residents' shelter time and are working to secure transitional housing for residents as quickly as possible.

We are accepting donations of cash as well as other items. One urgent need is commercially prepared meals for 60 people, starting Jan. 21; unfortunately, we can't accept homemade items. Please contact Eric Reynolds (503-200-3893; eric.reynolds@ccconcern.org) if you're able to donate commercially prepared meals. A full list of needs is available at www.centralcityconcern.org/donate. Donated items can be delivered to CCC's admin office at 232 NW Sixth Ave. (please call 503-200-3903 during Mon.-Fri. business hours to arrange a weekend drop-off).

We are deeply grateful to those who have helped our residents get through the last several days: Red Cross and the University of Portland, the City of Portland, Multnomah County, TriMet, and Health Share of Oregon, as well as these generous donors: Sock it to Me for their donation of 400 pairs of socks, City of Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement and CareOregon for donations of cold weather clothing and gear, and Old Town Pizza & Brewing and Elephants Delicatessen so far for food.