Central City Concern (CCC) is tremendously grateful for the community support we’ve received since the fire at our Hotel Alder on Wednesday afternoon. The residents of that building are in supportive housing programs, which means we provide additional support services to help them stay healthy and safe. Our first concern is their well-being.

Many of the building’s 98 residents were placed in a Red Cross shelter in a nearby church just hours after the fire. Later today, those individuals will move to housing on the University of Portland’s campus with Red Cross assistance. We anticipate the Red Cross will continue to operate the shelter through next week.

The Hotel Alder building sustained substantial damage, but we will be restoring it to full use. It may take several weeks to complete the repairs, and we want to ensure the safety and comfort of the residents when they return to their homes.

In the meantime, CCC has already placed some medically vulnerable residents in temporary housing. A small group of residents are staying with friends and family members nearby. By the end of next week, we will have found appropriate places for the remaining 62 people to stay until the Hotel Alder is reopened. We’re looking at a number of options within our housing portfolio, as well as with local partners.

We are accepting donations of cash as well as emergency clothing and other items. A full list is available at www.centralcityconcern.org/donate. Donations of items may be brought to CCC’s admin office at 232 NW Sixth Ave.

We are deeply grateful to the work of Multnomah County, TriMet and the Portland Fire Bureau through this incident.