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**We hope you are staying healthy and safe during these unsettling times. We at SafeHouse are extra busy these days making sure our clients and staff are well-supported and safe. We are partnering closely with the City's Department of Public Health and other agencies, as we develop new safety procedures and provide the best care possible for the women we serve.**

**We are happy to report there is no known COVID-19 infection at the house at this time. We are practicing careful hygiene, social distancing to the extent possible, and offer online counseling and other support services. Staff continue to supervise the house, while some staff work more hours from home. To the extent possible, our residents continue to pursue "virtually" their schooling, internships, and work.**

**The Hope Center has had to adjust operations. Because of our inability to practice social distancing in the limited physical space, we have temporarily closed the space to keep our clients and staff safe. Case managers continue to support their clients over the phone with counseling, housing assistance, medical referrals, and more.**

**We are committed to providing full salary and benefits to our entire staff during this crisis, even as they work from home.**

**But while there is some good news, we are extremely concerned about Hope Center clients and other women who are living on the streets and unable to find shelter. While the City understands the need to get the homeless into shelter, the process for creating thousands of additional beds for homeless individuals is lengthy. Hundreds of women are still sleeping outside, often gathering together for solace and companionship. It's difficult not only to maintain "social distance" on the streets, but also to keep clean — places to wash hands are few and far between in the**

Tenderloin and other neighborhoods where the homeless gather. This street environment is ready-made for an outbreak and quick spread of COVID-19.

In response to the crisis, we have re-worked the SafeHouse budget to come up with emergency funds to provide shelter to our Hope Center clients and other homeless women. We need your help.

Can you make a donation TODAY to provide a hotel or motel room for a homeless woman so that she can shelter in place and have access to hygiene and the support of our staff during the height of this crisis in San Francisco?

Please know that we understand if this unprecedented health crisis makes it difficult for you to give at this time.



All of us at SafeHouse – the staff, board, and women – are extremely grateful for your emergency support. Thank you in advance for helping sexually exploited, homeless women have the same chance to avoid getting and spreading COVID-19 as most of the rest of us do.