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Project Hope Outreach

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To:

Demitric,

Thank you for reaching out to us through our website. My name is George, and I am the Outreach worker for Project Hope Shelter. I have read your email, and here is what we can offer:

- * All of our rooms have two beds. To get on the waitlist, you would need to call 860412-1600 and select option 6. This will connect you to a 211 navigator who can put you on the waitlist or suggest other options based on your assessment.
- * In the meantime, you can come to our cold weather shelter, but we use cots, and everyone stays in the common areas on each floor. Unfortunately, we do not have single rooms or respite rooms.
- * We offer day services from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., where unsheltered clients can shower (every day) and do laundry (Monday, Wednesday, Friday).

Our area has a local soup kitchen that provides a light breakfast and lunch daily, and dinner on Friday and Saturday. Another local church serves dinner on Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

I encourage you to call the number I listed above to get on the waitlist and to explore other resources they have to offer. As an outreach worker, my job is to work with unsheltered individuals and determine which services would work best for them. Many of my clients choose to stay in their cars or in a tent in our local woods. Our shelter is very full, and so is the waitlist, but getting on the list is the only way to be offered a bed.

This just goes to show that systems are built to fail their people.

Offering me the advice to sleep in a car or tent after I told Project HOPE that I was hospitalized for a kidney injury is both retraumatizing and a proverbial punch in the gut.