



Listening House of St. Paul

...welcoming our community through radical hospitality

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Letter of Support for the Innovate Our Social Impact Project of Listening House

A \$3 million redesign of day shelter services to increase capacity, continuity, and engagement in Minnesota.

Dear Minnesota,

We are public services, businesses, citizens, and nonprofits who are concerned about the impacts of deep poverty and homelessness in our Minnesota and East Metro communities. Homelessness is both difficult for those directly experiencing it as well as those who witness it. Its scars ripple throughout how we conduct business, government, and daily life, and it is clear that no one is immune.

Not providing the adequate infrastructure to innovate better solutions for those in deep poverty is an expensive, time-consuming strategy that ultimately perpetuates the issue and drains our collective psyche. Each year, more and more of our budgets and time gets spent on mitigation efforts.

Thus, we are in overwhelming support of Listening House's Innovate Our Social Impact Project to give Minnesota and St. Paul a permanent location that will redefine the way day shelter services are provided. Giving those experiencing homelessness a daily purpose and a destination to access comfort, basic needs, medicine, and job and housing services is a critical step in turning mitigation into solutions.

Visit ListeningHouse.org/Innovate for more information.

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