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Dear Friends,

A major change will happen this month at the House. Rosie's, the "Women's Place" which has been offering food, and clothing in a caring atmosphere for 1½ years, and overnight shelter for 7 months, is moving to 23 Dartmouth Street.

Ken and Dick- the backbone of Halev House- will still inhabit the top floor; but the rest of the upstairs building will no longer be staff quarters.

The Men's operation will maintain its present 7AM-12 noon schedule with a hopefully expanded breakfast. Due to Pine Street's feeding program and the new lounge at the Salvation Army, men have more options in the afternoons and evenings. Rosie's evening hours are from 5-9PM; then the overnight guests and staff will retire upstairs to the living room and dormitory space. A breakfast will be served in the third floor kitchen for the women.

An obvious advantage of this sharing of space is the cost savings in utilities, and repairs which always get postponed. Also, we are presently putting our hands together painting, panelling, rearranging and otherwise improving the existing facilities. But, perhaps, most importantly, the financial and emotional investment of many people over ten years- coupled with new people with new energies- have culminated in an expanded house of hospitality offering services to the destitute we have not been able to in the past.
Our needs - besides money - include food and clothing, bedding, towels, and silverware. We would also enjoy a visit with anyone interested in becoming more directly involved to visit and talk about it. There are always "openings" for volunteers (especially the overnight operation); and we could use help sorting clothes, cooking meals (at home, even?) besides all kinds of maintenance jobs.

Hiding among the scraping, painting, sawing, building crews working on the house is a plexiglass addict who is opening holes to make unbreakable windows. In order to take full advantage of this new sunlight we could use some household plants...

The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are about to take us by storm. We like to make real occasions of these meals because they tend to be painful for those not especially welcome at their family's celebrations. Turkeys, of course, are almost necessities, but any homemade goodies seem to make the meal special.

Thank you for all your support.

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