

Press Release – For Immediate Release

Community Coming Together to Support Residents of Lowrey Hotel

The Lowrey Hotel will close on August 31, 2018 following the non-renewal of its building lease. Over the past three months, several agencies and local organizations – St. Croix County Health & Human Services, WestCAP, Salvation Army Grace Place, United Way of the St. Croix Valley, City of New Richmond, New Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce, New Richmond Police Department, Wisconsin Department of Corrections – have been meeting on a regular basis to plan for this transition and to help find alternative housing options for the current residents of the Lowrey Hotel. With the closing date quickly approaching, the New Richmond community is coming together to provide services and support to residents as they seek alternative housing. Here are ways that you can get involved and contribute to these efforts:

Financial Donations

Tax-deductible donations will be accepted by the New Richmond Area Community Foundation. Please note “Lowrey Tenant Assistance” in the memo line if preparing a check. Donations will help support moving and household expenses of Lowrey tenants as they transition to new housing. Donations can be made online at www.nracfoundation.com or by mail to:

*New Richmond Area Community Foundation
PO Box 96
New Richmond, WI 54017*

Cash donations and gift cards will also be accepted at the Civic Center, Grace Place Salvation Army, and the New Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce. These donations will be delivered to the New Richmond Area Community Foundation.

Non-Perishable Food

Five Loaves Food Shelf has served the New Richmond community for over thirty years and the number of families served each month continues to increase. Many of the current residents at the Lowrey Hotel already utilize Five Loaves Food Shelf and Two Fish Thrift Store, so donating non-perishable food items, clothing, and gently used household items, or volunteering your time, will support many of the Lowrey Hotel residents who might have increased needs. For more information about hours and donation suggestions, go to www.5loavesfoodandclothing.org or call (715)-246-5255.

Furniture

Several residents of the Lowrey Hotel will be in need of beds, dressers, tables, chairs, and other furniture after they get settled in new housing locations. We Do Feet, an outreach ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hudson, accepts donated furniture and helps individuals who cannot afford many of these items. Furniture should be in good condition. No hide-a-bed sofas or king-size beds are accepted. For more information, go to <https://trinityhudson.org/ministeries/we-do-feet> or call (715)-781-0622.

Toiletries

The community is encouraged to donate the following unused, packaged toiletries: toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, nail clippers, paper towel, soap, band aids, Kleenex, chapstick, deodorant, combs, and hair brushes. New or gently used bathroom towels, washcloths, and pillows will also be accepted. Items will be assembled by volunteers into care boxes that will be distributed to residents of the Lowrey Hotel. If more items are donated than are needed, leftover items will be donated to Salvation Army Grace Place. Donations will be accepted at the following New Richmond locations during normal business hours:

*Civic Center – 156 East First Street
Grace Place Salvation Army – 505 W 8th Street
New Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce – 245 S Knowles Avenue*

Broader Community Support

If you live outside of the New Richmond area and would like to support residents of the Lowrey Hotel, the United Way St. Croix Valley is accepting online gifts and donations of items for residents to support their transition. You can donate online for basic needs at <https://app.mobilecause.com/form/83h24Q> and food supports at <https://app.mobilecause.com/form/hF39IQ>. Donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, nail clippers, paper towel, soap, band aids, Kleenex, chapstick, deodorant, combs, and hair brushes as well as nonperishable food will be accepted at the United Way St. Croix Valley office during normal business hours:

United Way St. Croix Valley - 201 2nd Street South, Hudson, WI 54016

Thank you for your generous support!

