

HOW TO HELP PEOPLE FACING HOUSING INSECURITY

Small acts of compassion. Meaningful paths toward stability.

START HERE: Ask what is needed. Listen first. Offer choices, not assumptions.

01 MEET URGENT NEEDS

Offer water, ready-to-eat food, weather-appropriate clothing, warm socks, blankets, and hygiene supplies. Ask before giving.

02 SUPPORT SAFETY & HEALTH

Help locate a safe indoor place, transport options, medical attention, and trusted outreach workers. For immediate danger, call 911.

03 HELP PREVENT HOMELESSNESS

Contribute toward rent or utility assistance through trusted programs; help with paperwork, housing searches, or connecting to legal aid.

04 PRESERVE DIGNITY

Introduce yourself, speak respectfully, protect privacy, and ask permission before taking photographs or sharing someone's story.

05 BUILD LONG-TERM STABILITY

Support job-skills training, childcare access, document replacement, transportation, mentorship, and stable-housing referrals.

06 GIVE WITH PURPOSE

Donate funds, assemble seasonal care kits, volunteer, or organize a supply drive. Coordinate with local organizations to avoid waste.

NEED HOUSING OR EMERGENCY SUPPORT IN MINNESOTA?

Call 2-1-1 | 800-543-7709 | Text your ZIP code to 898211

Free, confidential, 24/7 referrals: shelter, food, rent help and other services.

ST. PAUL / RAMSEY COUNTY

Single-adult shelter access: 651-266-1050 • Ask 211 about family shelter options.

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Compassion in action. Dignity for every neighbor.

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