



Dear Friend,

In the years during and after the COVID-19 pandemic, inflation, isolation, and the consequent mental health challenges significantly increased. With systems in place that were already failing us, this led to a troublesome spike in suicides and overdoses, with a record number of Americans experiencing homelessness.

People USA's wellness and crisis response services **fill the life-threatening gaps** in our communities and are desperately needed in more counties. **We need your help.** In the spirit of the holiday season, I'm asking that you make a donation today that will allow us to both continue and expand our lifesaving services to those in need.



"From a parent's point of

People are often shocked when I tell them that during the school year, up to 60% of guests at our Crisis Stabilization Center are children under the age of 18.

Our children are hurting the most, and they're coming to us

view, you all are fantastic. It's a safe place, the staff were great and made my son very comfortable."
- Mother of Crisis Stabilization Center Guest

when they're in crisis. *Damien, 17, was having suicidal thoughts after a bad breakup; Alana, 14, was experiencing panic attacks; Bella, 11, had been discovered self-harming; 8-year-old Jason was being bullied regularly at school.

24 hours a day, 7 days a week, each child was met by a compassionate team of counselors, peer specialists, and behavioral health professionals to receive immediate support and get connected to other services.

The Stabilization Center's innovative approach is unique to People USA, and that's just the start of our wraparound services.

Our four home-like Rose House locations provide individuals like CJ (right) with a respite for up to seven days, where they will be supported by highly trained peers who can help them address their concerns and get connected to community resources.



"You all really saved my life. When I got to the Rose House, I still really wanted to die. But when I left there, I no longer felt that."
- CJ, Rose House Guest



"The people that work there have been through what you've been through, so they understand how you feel, and you can talk to them."
- Joe, Participant

Our supportive housing staff works tirelessly to ensure that unhoused participants like Joe (left) find stable housing and are fully supported in their journey towards independence. Employment counselors help folks optimize their resume, prepare for interviews, and more. Several mobile teams and community-based peers are embedded throughout our community to support and advocate for our neighbors in crisis.

Simply put, People USA's continuum of care can provide support to someone on any step of their journey towards wellness. For so many, this can be lifechanging and even lifesaving. These services are not optional, they are a necessity. But the public funds we receive for many programs do not cover our full costs, nor do they extend to all programs. In order to achieve our vision for all people to have equitable access to the support they need to thrive, ***we need your support to continue our work and to expand our services into more geographic areas.***

This holiday season, while many of us are enjoying a warm home, an abundance of food, and the company of family, so many of our neighbors are experiencing something very different. Your donation today will help bring ***hope*** to more people in need.

With gratitude,



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CEO

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