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A word of praise.

4-5 years ago on our annual and sometimes semi annual visit my husband and I could not walk the streets of downtown Missoula without stepping over ppl laying on the street, or their waists and trash. We were yelled at while eating breakfast at a sidewalk cafe. We witnessed broken glass at retail stores. A collision on Higgins and e broadway while teens ran from their vehicle at fault and a mother and baby were taken to the hospital. I wrote to several ppl including the news paper. We were reconsidering retirement and if we would ever return to this town.

Covid came. We lost our son who came with us on occasion. We missed a year in many ways.

We had the travel credit, we longed to fish again and eat at some the best restaurants in your town and decided we would give her another try. To our delight the town was her old self again. But better. Full of more happy families and ppl enjoying the town than we had seen. We witnessed no loitering, nor trash, loud music, or yelling, no crime. Actually passed two very friendly, happy police officers walking down the street!

Your a role model. We understand you took a hotel and have dedicated it to the disenfranchised, drug addiction and alcoholic. Whatever you have done it served your lovely town well and we hope the ppl in need. We are looking into where we would like to make a donation for the homeless in your community. We are friends with Father Rob Spaliatsos, FrRob@annuniationmt.org, who counsels at Recovery Center Missoula.

In addition to your The Hotel for the disenfranchised you may be interested in reaching out to The Healing Place, our home town, Louisville, Ky, thehealingplace.org, taking the homeless to the next level, overnight homeless facility that introduces the homeless to no obligation recovery, perhaps for the first time, short and long term housing, jobs, social education and communication.

Encourage businesses and visitors to donate to your Homeless efforts. Notes in restaurants, hotel rooms. Encourage new businesses in your community to contribute along with tax incentive packages.

Book, Miracle on Market, founder Jay Davidson, at TheHealingPlace.org/contact-us. I would have sent the book but thought perhaps receiving packages were iffy. For bulk pkg for your team and special rate visit TheHealingPlace.org/miracle.

Well done. Truly served your community, businesses and those in need. We will continue to consider Missoula our second home.

Thank you,
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