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Thank you for sharing this comment at the Town Council Meeting next week:

As a member of the Los Gatos United Methodist Church and coordinator of our Shower Ministry for the unhoused, I want to express my gratitude for the support the town has provided this past year for our most needy residents. The money provided for cleaning our showers has made it possible for us to provide showers every week to an average of 8-10 people, most who have no other resources for a shower. These clients are so appreciative of the opportunity to clean up, and feel a renewed sense of dignity. And the innovative hotel program has been life changing for so many of the unhoused. This is the first time in many years that most of these people have had a warm room , bed, clean towels and access to a private bathroom and shower during harsh winter storms. With the opportunity to get out of the cold, wind and rain, people are better equipped physically, mentally and emotionally to deal with the daily challenges of being unhoused. This not only benefits these individuals, but our town as a whole. Thank you for providing these basic, essential services!

Marna Taylor