



Linking arms...from a distance

Measures to control COVID-19 are becoming more drastic. Along with you, I worry about friends and family who have an elevated risk of complications from the virus. With you, I experience the inconvenience and isolation of "social distancing." With you, I feel the economic impact of this disease. And with you, I live in the uncertainty of what tomorrow will bring; we've never seen anything like this!

**But we must continue our work.
We must continue to feed and safely house our Guests.**

We are currently focusing all of our energy on the care of Guests in our Shelter, Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen. Our leadership team understands the situation and is daily monitoring fluid plans for delivering essential food and shelter to the most vulnerable in our community. For the protection of all, we suspended our volunteer program, cancelled classes, and have asked our administrative staff to work from home. In addition to serving our Guests as we always do, Lazarus House is committed to paying our employees through this crisis because many are economically fragile, and a non-paid furlough would be catastrophic for their families and futures.

In this time of crisis, I am bold to invite your family to stand with Lazarus House as a beacon of faith, hope, and light in these days of threat and fear.

Lazarus House is well-positioned to serve the most vulnerable in greater Lawrence. I ask for your generous financial support now, so that we can deliver vital services without interruption. If you are able, please consider

"Linking arms ... from a distance"

with us to meet the needs of our cherished Guests in the months to come. We are deeply grateful for your partnership. THANK YOU!

A few weeks ago, we selected Jeremiah 29:11 as the theme of our meditations for Lent within Lazarus House; we had no idea how much we would need these words of hope: ***"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."***

May the Lord bless you and keep you,

*Reverend Jeff Hassel
Executive Director*

P.S. Going forward, we will keep you updated throughout this crisis on our website, www.lazarushouse.org, on Facebook and through email. I invite you to reach out to me directly at jeff@lazarushouse.org.