



COVID-19 Update March 12, 2020

KEEP CALM, BREATHE, AND WASH YOUR HANDS! Our Guests need us healthy!

We are working hard to minimize disruptions to delivering life-saving services to our cherished Guests – food, shelter and clothing during this COVID-19 outbreak. We will keep you updated on any precautionary and proactive steps we are taking to STAY SAFE and SERVE GUESTS.

Lazarus House Ministries' staff are taking every precaution to keep our Ministries safe for our Guests, staff and volunteers. We are proactively cleaning and sanitizing high use areas and surfaces several times a day, along with ensuring our supplies of hand sanitizers, tissue, soap and paper towel supplies throughout the Ministry are well stocked. We have printed CDC signs and distributed throughout the Ministry for all to be reminded of safe practices. We are continuously making necessary changes to the way we serve, keeping safety for all at the forefront.

To ensure that we can continue to care for our Guests during this time we ask all volunteers, staff and friends to stay home if you are sick, have recently returned from a trip anywhere outside of the US, or have potentially been exposed to anyone who has the Coronavirus.

We ask all who come to serve our Guests at the Ministries to follow CDC and WHO guidelines while on site (See below).

PLEASE:

- Wash or disinfect your hands upon entering or leaving the Ministry.
- Wash your hands often while in the Ministry with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Together, we can continue to serve our Guests and stay healthy!

We understand that everyone's circumstances are different and accept, with an abundance of grace and humility, if you choose not to serve face to face at this time. If you have questions about other creative ways you can give or serve our Guests during this unprecedented time, please contact our coordinator of volunteers Marcy Furse marcy@lazarushouse.org.

And Jesus said:

"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me."

- John 14:1 NLT

ABOUT LAZARUS HOUSE:

Lazarus House helps courageous women, men, and children living in poverty restore their dignity and self-respect. We offer life-saving services in the areas of food, shelter, clothing and education.

We provide:

Nourishment, through served meals and weekly groceries.

Stability, through emergency shelter and transitional housing.

Comfort, through advocacy and case management and highly affordable clothing, housewares, and furniture at our thrift store locations. When guests face a dire need, we provide vouchers for free items, about 400 per year. We also distribute holiday gifts and food boxes for 700+ families through our Project Bethlehem and Giving Tree programs.

Dignity, through preparation to earn a living wage in our vocational training in sewing and culinary arts (with paid internships and ServSafe Certificate program)

Lazarus House serves at least 25,000 households annually.