



*"Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness  
And streams in the wasteland."  
Isaiah 43:19 NIV*

Dear Friend,

There's an old phrase that my mother used when she became exasperated, "You are driving me to distraction". Over the last six months, WE all have been "driven to distraction" by COVID and the drama around our election. Despite the distractions that surround us, the call of God on Lazarus House to serve our cherished neighbors has grown significantly.

Lazarus House Ministries lives at the vital crossroads where human need meets human love every day. When COVID hit, we adopted the strategy of focusing our expertise on what our community needs most: The provision of food and shelter.

After a four-month renovation, the Lazarus House homeless shelter just reopened as a Family Shelter! We've invested wisely and created family suites so that our staff can provide the safety, comfort, education, and case management that each of our families will need to flourish. Watching the shelter progress has given us hope and vision as to how this new environment will provide the stable foundation on which families can rebuild their lives.

As you see in the insert, The Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry continue to serve higher-than-ever numbers of Guests. We expect a continued increase in the numbers of families facing food insecurity. I like to say that YOU bless Lazarus House so we can be a blessing to others. Our plan to renovate the Soup Kitchen is underway. We are designing the Soup Kitchen to serve more Guests, incorporate our culinary training program into daily operations, and improve the layout and function of the space so we can serve tasty, nutritious food for another 38 years!

The community's needs are growing. We have made significant improvements that boost our ability to provide food and shelter to the people of Lawrence as they navigate the fallout from this pandemic. At the same time, we are thinking long-term. We are innovating and adapting to meet the future needs of our community.

These days are full of promise for Lazarus House. God has blessed the work we've done to shore up our ability to provide food and shelter with dignity and care for each Guest during this time of crisis. Our hearts remain full of love for God, our supporters and our neighbors. Together, we can continue to be a beacon of hope in the darkness of poverty.

Through it all, you have been with us, and we give God thanks for your generosity in these most challenging days. **I ask you to continue supporting us; our Guests need the food, shelter, and care your gifts provide.**

May God bless you and grant our world the healing we so desperately need.

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