



“A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.”
~ Proverbs 11:25

April 2022

Dear Friends,

As we shake off the cold days of winter and embrace the warm days of spring, we are ever mindful of how we can be of best service to our cherished Guests here at Lazarus House.

I write to you today from my new position as Executive Director of Lazarus House. I am honored to be serving this community – my community – in this special place. I was raised in the Hancock Housing Projects in Lawrence. My family, friends and neighbors all struggled with many of the same hardships the families we serve at Lazarus House face today. Raised by a single mom, my lived experiences have provided a solid foundation for me to compassionately serve families and individuals struggling with food insecurity, poverty, and homelessness.

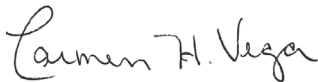
Food insecurity is the most critical issue facing our Guests today. In a recent *Boston Globe* interview, with some of the Guests to which we open our doors each and every day, one Guest, Luis, shared his story. Luis uses the Lazarus House Soup Kitchen to supplement meals for himself and his two children. Income is already spread thin: his rent in Lawrence rose \$50 last year, with another \$50 bump expected in the coming months. With inflation, the rising cost of gas, food, rent and other everyday items, families are feeling an even greater burden to make ends meet.

For Luis it is a challenge to choose what bills to pay each and every month, but he knows at the Soup Kitchen, he can get what he needs, including his favorite meal: rice and beans, with a little chicken. “It’s a place to visit and be fed, no matter what.” he said.

You, our wonderful donors, make it possible for us to have the Soup Kitchen open seven days a week to serve breakfast and lunch to Guests like Luis and so many others who depend on Lazarus House for day-to-day sustenance.

I humbly ask you to please make a financial donation. Please use the enclosed envelope or visit our website <https://lazarushouse.org/donate-now/> to make your donation. Your generous gift today will have a powerful impact and will enable us to continue to provide the resources and support our Guests need, especially now, during these uncertain times. Thank you for your continued support.

Blessings,


Carmen H. Vega
Executive Director