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COVID-19

**PLAN: CONTINUING
TO CARE FOR YOUTH
AND OUR TEAM**

Dear Partner,

In this letter we want to offer some insight into how The Coffee Oasis plans on caring for "our kids" during the COVID-19 pandemic. Every hour there is new information to process, but one thing remains the same: Those experiencing homelessness are some of the most vulnerable to sickness. One newspaper noted that those experiencing homelessness are doubly at risk. Although the risk is high, those without homes are rarely mentioned in the list of those most vulnerable (pregnant women, elderly, and those with underlying conditions).

Daily we face the challenge of caring for kids who often have nobody else to care for them. They are not able to make plans to "work from home" or "rest at home" or "stay safe at home." They have no home.

The Coffee Oasis has made plans to care for our incredible team that cares for kids, brews delicious coffee, and cares for you. For the time being, our cafes will stay open but will use only disposable cups and will be deep cleaning each location. Our centers and shelters are deep cleaning and are prepared to connect youth with medical care who need it. We will work at creating a safe environment for staff while caring for vulnerable youth. We encourage volunteers who are feeling sick, elderly, pregnant, or have underlying conditions to stay at home and rest.

Please pray with us for wisdom and protection for the homeless. We also ask for continued prayer and support as we expect this time to be financially difficult. The Coffee Oasis is funded by the sale of coffee and the generosity of donors, and both of these are threatened by pandemics and recessions. Fear often causes us to shut down and shut others out. This is a time we need one another more than ever.

We will continue to monitor the situation daily and work tirelessly to care for youth experiencing homelessness. An important partner for us in staying updated on the situation is our county and state officials who offer best practices to care for staff and youth in both our restaurant and shelter spaces. I believe we will get through this together.

We are thankful for each of you,

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