



Dear Beacon,

As the world adjusts to the novel coronavirus COVID-19, I wanted to take a minute to share with you how Beacon is responding. Beacon is following the lead of our state and national public health officials as we determine the best courses of action, and we encourage you to do the same.

We have created a page on our website to provide you with the latest on Beacon-specific information; [you can find it here](#). The safety and comfort of our residents and shelter guests is our first priority. I am so grateful to our staff and partners who are working creatively to support guests and residents in practicing social distancing and to keep our spaces clean. [Check the website](#) and follow us on social media for updates.

We have been deeply touched by the many messages we've received asking how you can help. We are truly a caring community! **If your capacity allows, the best way you can help is by [making an unrestricted gift online today](#).** We know there will be increased costs of about \$6,000 per week to move families in our shelter program into motels. We will also be purchasing additional cleaning supplies for all of our buildings, and there may be further costs we can't anticipate yet. **Making an unrestricted gift gives our team the flexibility to use your gift where it is needed most.**

These are difficult times. But we really *are* all in this together. It's a reality we've affirmed from the very beginning as we've created and sustained homes, sheltered families in crisis, and organized to make big picture changes so all people have a home. When we act together for the common good, for and with our neighbors, we can make a difference! We take care of each other, and in challenging times we have the opportunity to reaffirm this as a priority. Thank you for the many ways you're taking care of yourself and your community.

With gratitude,  
~ Lee

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