The COVID-19 virus has brought new challenges and uncertainty for all of us, and we hope you are staying healthy and safe. During this difficult time, when we are all being asked to shelter-in-place, we continue to keep our doors open for those in need of a safe place to call home. We want you, our generous donors, to know what we are doing to keep the children of Noyes Home and the seniors of Meadowview Residential Care safe in this challenging time.

Noyes Home is currently serving 22 children. We are not able to accept visitors at this time. We want our Volunteers to know how much we miss them and are looking forward to their return. We are striving to keep our residents connected with their families via Face Time, Google Duo and Zoom. The staff are also taking on the additional role of “teacher” due to the postponement of the children returning to their respective schools. We sincerely appreciate the donors who have sent educational supplies, games and care packages to us this past week.

Meadowview has 16 private rooms for low income seniors. All receive benevolence from LUBA to help them afford their room and board. As is the case with most senior care facilities, all visitations have been banned unless it is an end of life/hospice situation. We are doing our best to keep our seniors’ spirits up and have introduced them to the world of online virtual visits with family and friends. One of our residents, Grace, is still sewing up a storm and was excited to hear that a thoughtful care package of fleece fabric would be delivered later this week.

While our missions have always played a vital role in caring for the vulnerable in our community, they are even more important now. We are caring for children whose parents are incarcerated, homeless or suffering from addictions and are unable to care for them. We are also caring for our elders, some who have outlived their families or whose family live too far away and are unable to care for them. We become their extended family.

It is because of your generosity that we are able to keep our doors open and provide quality care for both ends of the age spectrum during this unprecedented global pandemic. We do not make a habit of asking for donations in the spring, but due to additional expenses of purchasing personal protective equipment and other precautionary measures to keep our residents safe, we are in need of your assistance.

Together, we will get through this challenging time and continue to care for our most vulnerable as we have for over 145 years.

With gratitude,

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