

Updates regarding Sand Castle Shelter, Keys to Hope Community Resource Center, Grace Learning Center, Food Rescue Initiative and Housing Assistance Program

1. **Sand Castle Shelter** (30-45 day residential homeless program) will continue to operate through the crisis.
2. **Keys to Hope Community Resource Center** (day resources serving the Interfaith Community PADS emergency shelter and other Category 1 and Category 2 Homeless) will also continue to operate but subject to capacity restrictions. Weekend hours now 7 am – 5 pm.
3. **Grace Learning Center** (CCH's education program) will be closed to the public but will open to Sand Castle residents during the day for e-learning and other requirements or needs. All classes at Keys and Grace will be cancelled until further notice.
4. **Food Rescue Initiative.** FRI will continue to run as scheduled. Since Monday 3/16, so much has changed. I continue to work with the Mayor of MC as well as people in our network (to determine who is open and who is closed). As closures and consolidations continue, we will need to change the face of Food Rescue for a while. The good news is CCH is prepared to pick up and deliver rescued food from the retailers and take it to any distribution point developing as a result of COVID. I continue to work with the Mayor's office, other local officials and the groups in our FRI Network. As changes occur, we will keep you informed and seek your guidance/approval as necessary.
5. **Housing Assistance Program** (program providing rent support for CCH participants and CCH community partner referrals) will continue to operate through the COVID 19 crisis.
6. **Donations** to CCH buildings will be suspended after we give notice to the community. The only donations we will accept until the crisis passes will be those meant to aid health and wellbeing; hand sanitizer, liquid anti-bacterial soap, bottled water, bathroom and facial tissues.....along those lines. If you have any information regarding availability and access to these materials please let us know, especially considering national shortages.
7. **Quarantine:** We are working with local government on strategies for quarantine. Sand Castle residents all have their own resident rooms. Keys to Hope will continue running as a day program but we will work with local authorities as daily changes continue from the CDC and the WH. We offer full support to Harry Holtkamp (Interfaith Community PADS) to develop a collective impact strategy for the men and women who would be displaced by a quarantine.

We will continue to use best practices. Preventative measures sound very simplistic, but this is the best strategy moving forward currently. For now, everything is a lot of common-sense hygiene, cleaning and social distancing. We will watch for the symptoms including what to do if anyone gets it: treating the symptoms with ibuprofen, acetaminophen, cough syrup, isolation, fluids, etc., and/or a trip to the hospital for assessment. We will react as called for by the CDC. All three buildings are well maintained, with hard cleanings daily. We will take this opportunity to ramp up health education and information with monies being received from Duneland Health Council. Health programming will only be offered in house, but I am thinking of videotaping the class and putting it on social media.

Product and program needs as represented by each CCH program directors, developers and coordinators:

Sand Castle Shelter program and product needs: Hand sanitizer, liquid hand soap, Isopropyl alcohol, cough syrup, Ibuprofen, Acetaminophen and bottled water. Pretty much large supplies of CDC recommended strategies.

Grace Learning Center is asking for books & activities for SCS participants and children who spend their days at GLC. Art and Craft supplies as well. Also, books at the adult reading level, board games, things to maintain a level of normality while facing this crisis.

Food Rescue Initiative. As suggested, Food Rescue and distribution will be a critical factor through the national emergency and will be growing well beyond what has been anticipated. In addition, how it is distributed will be a challenge but easier thanks to the food rescue truck. Both good problems to have. For the FRI program, gloves and hand sanitizer are the basic needs. I am researching different options for emergency grant funding for the increased expense of gas and labor for the new. We believe we may have to switch to some form direct distribution.

Keys to Hope Medical supplies: gloves, hand sanitizer, thermometer covers, First Aid supplies (if hospitals are shut down to minor injuries), Over the Counter meds (anti diarrhea meds, headache meds, etc.) Paper towels, toilet paper, laundry soap supplies to last through quarantine as well as hygiene products for showers (shampoo, conditioner, soap, razors, deodorant) to last through a quarantine or increased demand for KTH services.

Additional needs based on projections of closures, quarantines and CDC recommendations.

- a. 2 or 3 laptops with web cam and software to link participants with providers in a virtual format, to connect participants to insurance and payment for insurance to be sure medical/mental health is covered.
- b. Portable printer and supplies (ink etc.): If we were to have to move to a location where participants are quarantined, and we are needed at a different location
- c. Transportation: Busses are limiting to 15 riders and if it is full, participants must wait for next bus. This is causing delays in getting to work and doctor appointments. We need a vehicle or access to transportation and budget for gas.

