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To all our shelter volunteers,

We know you've been receiving a lot of updates from us in these past days as the situation around us changes rapidly. As you know, as much as possible, we've been trying to navigate and maintain all of the faithful contributions from our shelter volunteers that make our shelter viable and build mutual community among volunteers and residents.

However, effective immediately we are suspending all volunteer shifts at the recommendation of our medical support team and in response to the best practices we see being implemented in shelters around the country.

This decision is to protect our residents from the COVID-19 virus unknowingly being brought into the shelter. As previously mentioned, our friends in the shelter are among the most vulnerable in our city, many having existing health issues that may compromise their immune system and we need to do all we can to protect them.

We are currently working on a staffing plan to ensure our residents still receive the care and support they need through this difficult time. Rest assured they will remain our main priority!

We will keep you updated as the situation unfolds and please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions. In the meantime of this suspension of volunteer shifts, please keep our shelter community -- residents, staff, and community supports -- regularly in your prayers as we face this together.

Kind Regards,

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