March 2020

Greetings Partners in Ministry,

As the season comes to an end, we would like to thank all of you for the difference you have made in the lives of so many. We have had a really great season! We never fully filled all three sites which may reflect either the moderate winter we have experienced or clients continuing to being housed each month.

Site Coordinator's Meeting: We will **not** be having a Site Coordinator's meeting in March. But please mark your calendars for our EOY Appreciation Dinner scheduled for Tuesday, April 14th at 6pm. We are finalizing the location and I will send out the invitation to you so that you can share it with your volunteers next week.

The Coronavirus - The safety and well-being of our clients, staff. and volunteers remain our top priority. We are committed to keeping you apprised of our efforts in response to the Coronavirus, including precautions we're taking to help keep everyone protected during the virus season. We will be attending an *Infectious Disease Preparedness for Homeless Assistance Providers and Their Partners* webinar put on by the US Interagency Council on Homelessness on March 10th and plan to put into effect their recommendations as they pertain to our shelter. We continue to follow the guidelines suggested by the CDC to prevent the spread of any viruses in a community environment, and will continue to work with the local and state health departments and will take all recommended precautions. We will continue to screen for active respiratory illness and refer those who are ill for medical attention. Our hope is that this virus stays out of our community, but we will be prepared to take action should the need arise.

Next Season's Schedule: Attached please find the "working" hosting schedule for next season. If you attended the scheduling meeting last month or let me know of your preference after the meeting, I have highlighted your site in green. That means you are all set with that date. If you are not highlighted, let me know if what is listed is good for you and I will put you down as confirmed. If you were "bumped" from a week that you wanted, please see if any of the vacant spots will work for your site and let me know.

Homeless Resource Day: March 28th is Homeless Resource Day at Annapolis High School. For more information or to volunteer, please visit the county website at: Homeless Resource Day is an annual County event to help those without permanent housing access the numerous services they need to become more self-sufficient and seek permanent housing. Services that might take a homeless individual months or longer to obtain are provided for free in one location. Volunteers are always needed for the event - click on the above link if you are interested in helping.

As always, it has been an honor to work along side each of you this season. Thank you so much for the opportunity!

Best Regards,

~Pam

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