Hello Again Habitat Friends and Family,

We have been closely monitoring the ever-changing developments with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and reviewing recommendations from Habitat for Humanity International as well as those from local, state and federal authorities. First and foremost, we are prioritizing the health and safety of our Habitat community.

With that in mind, Loudon County Habitat is taking the following steps:

**Habitat ReStore:** As of end of business, Saturday, March 21st, the ReStore will be closed through April 4th. We tentatively plan to reopen on Tuesday, April 7th. Until further notice, all pick-ups are cancelled. Efforts will be made to reschedule them when the store reopens.

**Administrative Office:** As of Monday, March 23rd, the administrative office will be closed to the public. The office staff will be available by phone and email only. Persons critical to immediate operations will be allowed access to the building. Staff will assist with construction as needed, and otherwise work from home.

**Homeowner Education Classes:** Classes will continue as scheduled, but online.

**Construction:** Build and repair activities will come to a close as quickly as possible to reduce the number of persons onsite. No volunteers will be scheduled for work after March 25th.

**Events:** All upcoming events are being evaluated. The two House Dedications planned for March 29th will be rescheduled for a “post-closing” ceremony. A decision will be made next week on whether to postpone the Tent Sale now scheduled for April 4th. The Farm to
Families dinner set for April 30th will likely be rescheduled with information on that event shared when the decision is made.

With each day that passes, our understanding and appreciation of the seriousness of this pandemic increases. Beyond the significant health risks, we are also painfully aware of the long-term economic consequences this virus presents for our families, our affiliate and our community. We realize that our decisions today and going forward will impact our ministry. For that reason, we must trust that God will guide our hands and help us make the right decisions. We ask that you continue to make financial contributions, as your support here is needed now more than ever.

We recognize we are taking bold, unprecedented steps, but we must safeguard our volunteers, our current and future homeowners, our donors and our staff.

As you know, information we are receiving on the spread of COVID-19 changes often, sometimes many times in one day. With that in mind, we will continue to convey the actions we are taking to you on a regular basis.

We ask that in the days ahead, you continue to follow the guidelines our government and health authorities are providing, keep you and your loved ones as safe as possible, and pray for our mission and for all those being affected by this pandemic. Remember that while some of us are merely inconvenienced there are others whose lives are drastically impacted.

In Partnership,

Tony

**Thank you!**

**We could not build homes, communities, and hope without you.**