



HOPE Rises! By Doug Kenshol

Good morning everyone,

How are you all doing? I pray that you and your families and neighbors continue to stay healthy.

The storm is coming.

We are told that Covid-19 continues to spread and that the number of cases and deaths is expected to peak in the next few weeks.

But thanks to you, the tide is turning and Hope Rises.

Thanks to you, John sheltered in church basements.

As contagion spread and danger increased, you made it possible for John to move to a temporary apartment.

And last week, thanks to you, John obtained permanent housing.

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Four weeks ago we worked together to provide shelter and free meals to homeless guests in churches.

Thanks to you, 70 guests moved to hotel rooms and senior apartments so that they could better self-isolate and stay safe.

So far, everyone has been safe. I am not aware of any homeless guests, staff or volunteers who have contracted the virus.

And thanks to you, we now have sufficient resources to expand the number of rooms to help additional people who are becoming newly homeless.

We plan to continue providing hotel accommodations at least until mid-May.

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South Suburban PADS provides affordable housing for 169 households.

Thanks to you, these individuals and families have access to food and supplies, healthcare and financial assistance so that they can maintain their housing and stay safe.



Some of the residents have experienced illness but so far I am not aware of any confirmed cases of Covid-19.

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Over the past three weeks, the support from people, companies and churches in the south suburbs has been overwhelming.

Thank you!

In three weeks, we have received monetary donations from 338 individuals and organizations (listed at the end of this email).

Countless others have contributed in-kind donations of food, gift cards, cleaning supplies and other essential supplies (we will list and provide thanks in subsequent communications as we compile the list).

Thanks to you, hope rises.

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The recently passed Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act includes billions of new funding for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Cook County will receive \$6 million in CDBG and \$3 million in ESG funding.

In the next 60-90 days, this funding will start to become available to help people who are homeless or at risk for homelessness.

As we look forward to June, hope rises:

- The weather will warm;
- The contagion will lessen; and
- New resources will arrive.

As we look forward to June, I invite you to join us in an effort to house the homeless. Let's redouble our efforts to move homeless individuals and families out of hotels and into apartments.

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To continue sustaining this effort, please donate online through our website at www.sspads.org or make a check out to "South Suburban PADS" and mail it to:

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- Winter ends and spring begins.
- In the Jewish tradition, Passover commemorates the ending of slavery.
- In Christianity, it is Good Friday—the date commemorating the death of Jesus. But the resurrection is imminent.
- Later this month, Muslims will celebrate the beginning of Ramadan.
- Vesak, Buddha Day, will celebrate the birth and enlightenment of Buddha on May 7th.

Sincerely,
Doug Kenshol