

*Supporting Unlimited Possibilities, Inc.*

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Dear Staff, Families, Vendors and Friends,

I hope this finds you all doing well, and I hope you and your families have begun to adjust to our “new normal” that the COVID-19 has created.

After much thought and discussion, **we have made the difficult decision to discontinue day program services as of 3 p.m. today, Friday, March 20, 2020 at the Behavior Modification Day Program. As of today, we have 4 Consumers in attendance and we are licensed for 75! Transportation has been our main dilemma.**

In addition, this decision was based on information received late last evening and early this morning. There was guidance from the Department of Developmental Services’ website that suggested that site-based day programs should discontinue services. *The statement read. “To protect public health and slow the rate of transmission of COVID-19, all site-based day services are to be canceled across the state of California until further guidance is issued.”* We believe that, although we have been in full compliance with the guidance set forth by the CDC and local health authorities, we find ourselves at the point where we believe we need to temporarily discontinue services to ensure compliance.

It was suggested that we consider alternate means to provide services, such as electronic communication (e.g., Skype, Face Time, etc.), and although we have some ideas on ways we may be able to help out our local families, I would really appreciate any ideas that you have. This is uncharted territory, and I believe that you are the expert on ways that we might be able to support your family member. Please email me with your ideas so we can work to be as creative and meaningful as possible. If you, a family member, neighbor, or friend has experience as a first responder that is willing to lend a hand in the event that someone in our community finds themselves in need, please share their info with us as well, as we are putting together a list of resources in hopes of being able to respond if we can.

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Also, we are reaching out to all our neighbors in this time of crisis, to offer assistance if anyone finds themselves in need. Our ultimate goal is to help others who may find themselves to be in need of assistance.

We are aware that some of our neighbors are being laid off from work and children are unable to go to school. Some of our neighbors may be at greater risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus due to their health status or age. It is during times like these that we need to come together and offer what we can to lift each other up. If you are in need of assistance, such as needing to obtain basic necessities such as groceries, toiletries and cleaning supplies, etc., Supporting Unlimited Possibilities, Inc. is willing to do what we can to ensure that Staff and Consumers are safe and happy while in our care. As always, our top priority is maintaining the health and safety of each person being supported and work at Supporting Unlimited Possibilities, Inc., as we are all members of our local community family.

We value the neighborhoods that we live in and want all families to be healthy. Please understand that we do not receive any funding to provide this service, but we are willing to do what we can to lend a hand. We are asking you to contact us as a last resort, but we understand that, for some, we may be the only other immediate option. Our dream is that everyone has clothes, food, blankets and/or cleaning supplies to get through this season in our lives. If you are in need, please call our corporate office and let us know what you believe you need in order to remain healthy.

Give us a call neighbor if you need anything. Our corporate office number is (951) 784-7280.

Thank you for your support, patience and well-wishes. We are committed to reconvening as soon as safe to do so.

Be well and safe, Debby Stangel, Director