



March 12, 2020

Dear Friend,

News about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Chicago and worldwide is changing how many of us live and work. Because your safety and well-being, as well our volunteers' safety and well-being, is so vitally important, Little Brothers is being proactive with a **comprehensive plan to address potential risks from the Coronavirus.**

We want you, as one of our valued elders, to be fully informed about what we're doing to responsibly serve and protect all our elders and volunteers. We're making changes now and in the coming months for everyone's health and safety, but in all we do, we remain committed to our friendship with you.

We're being careful to minimize unnecessary close contact and potential viral cross contamination, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). At the same time, we'll be doing everything we can to stay in touch because, even when we can't see each other, we still want to be connected.

This is how we're moving forward:

1. **Easter Sunday.** This year, on Easter (April 12th, 2020), volunteers will not visit nursing homes or homebound elders.
 - Instead, our volunteers will focus on **other ways to share celebration:** Making support calls, sending Easter cards, and delivering meals to only the most isolated homebound elders.
2. **Fête d'Armand Marquiset.** This year, we will not host any Fête celebrations in order to keep you from undue contact in crowd gatherings.
 - Instead, volunteers will reach out in friendship, making phone calls and sending personalized greeting cards.

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3. **Social clubs & celebrations.** Coffee Club, Creative Café, Movie Club and all parties are suspended beginning March 13th, 2020.
4. **More information.** Little Brothers will keep you updated about any future changes. You also can learn more and stay informed by visiting our website www.littlebrotherschicago.org/WeCare. To get more help, please call: Director of Program Ann Wohlberg at 312.604.7255; or Director of Volunteer Services & Community Engagement Josh Chartier at 312.604.7261; or email: WeCare@littlebrotherschicago.org.

We also encourage you to follow good self-care habits, including proper handwashing, to help halt the spread of any respiratory viruses. See the attached information sheet for more important tips. We deeply appreciate your support and understanding in these challenging times, and we remain dedicated to serving you.

Sincerely,



Simone Mitchell-Peterson
Chief Executive Officer



Celebrating
6 Years