



Dear Friends of Lifeshouse Maternity Home,

All of us at Lifeshouse hope this letter finds your family safe and healthy. What a shock it has been how our communities, country, and world changed overnight. While we face this challenge, we place our hope in Christ, acknowledging He has overcome this world.

Lifeshouse Maternity Home thanks you for your support and care for the women and babies our ministry serves. We are blessed by the faithfulness you have shown in our mission to provide help, hope and a home for pregnant and parenting teens and women in crisis.

We are a ministry that operates and is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year providing residents with faith development, coaching, life skills training, employment assistance, and a safe place to call home. In addition to caring for our residents in the midst of this challenging time, the virus situation has altered the way we serve women searching for help, but we are still providing resources and support through phone calls, webcam interviews, and referrals.

The COVID-19 pandemic has touched every family, business, and ministry in some way, including Lifeshouse. We continue to be good stewards of our resources, but have recently made difficult decisions. We are postponing our Unity for Life fundraising breakfast scheduled for May. We will be rescheduling our Paint Spot fundraising event planned for April. Due to restaurant restrictions, we have suspended our monthly dining fundraisers. We have instituted a spending freeze for all staff. One of our most difficult decisions has been to reduce the daytime hours for our House Mom staff. Lastly you are receiving this letter in lieu of our quarterly newsletter scheduled for May in order to reduce printing costs.

Many of you have asked how you can help Lifeshouse. First and foremost, your prayers are welcome and needed. Our current residents have been laid off from their employers. Daycare has closed making it a challenge for residents with children to seek other employment. We want to remain a strong support system for our residents who are here because they have no one or nowhere else to go. We need to continue to be a resource for previous and non-residents who are searching for help. We are fortunate to have a good supply of tangible resources for residents such as diapers, toiletries, and household products. Churches have provided fresh and non-perishable food. Simply put, our current needs are monetary rather than tangible. We need to keep our utilities paid and our staff at work supporting and caring for our residents.

Lifeshouse receives no government funding. We have existed for nearly 12 years through the generosity of God's people. If you are already a financial supporter of Lifeshouse, we thank you. If you are able to make an additional or first-time contribution to the Lifeshouse mission during this time, we would appreciate your gift of any amount. The best way to sustain our ability to provide help, hope and a home for vulnerable women and babies is through a regular monthly gift of any amount. You can make your one time or monthly donation securely online at [www.LifeshouseLouisville.org/donate](http://www.LifeshouseLouisville.org/donate) or by mail to 2710 Riedling Drive, Louisville, KY 40206.

May God continue to bless you and keep you. May His face shine upon you and give you peace.

With gratitude,

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