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Choptank

Dear Habitat Choptank Friends, Volunteers and Donors,

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization and their health and safety is of our utmost concern.

Thus, effective tomorrow, Tuesday, March 17th, all Habitat Choptank construction job sites and our ReStore will be closed and all programming and events temporarily suspended. This includes our home dedication scheduled for this Saturday, March 21st in St. Michaels.

To our knowledge, while no volunteer or staff have tested positive for COVID-19, we believe that continuing to operate during this time would be counterproductive to the CDC recommended protective social distancing measures that have also prompted area schools and businesses to temporarily close in response to COVID-19. Our goal is to do our part to “flatten the curve” related to the spread of the virus and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

As you may be aware, we have already taken measures to restrict meetings at the affiliate offices to staff only, as well as suspend all ReStore donation visits and in-home repair visits. In addition to these measures, we will no longer be accepting donation drop-offs to the ReStore at this time.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this uncertain time. Our leadership team will continue to communicate with you in a timely and transparent manner and expect to update you before the end of the month concerning how long these temporary measures will last. We will continue to use e-mail and Facebook to provide regular updates about the status of our facilities and programming

moving forward.

Please note, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends everyday preventative actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19 and the flu, including:

This should be a world where we recognize that **we are all connected,** where we act in solidarity in times of crisis.

— HABITAT CEO JONATHAN RECKFORD

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

Thank you for partnering with us to ensure our community remains safe and healthy.

Questions? Concerns? Contact Us!