Dear Covenant House Missouri Community,

We here at Covenant House consider you a part of our family and hope that you all are safe, healthy and well. As a part of our family we want to make sure we communicate and share with you how COVID-19 is impacting us. At Covenant House we have a comprehensive plan in place that will allow us to continue our critical services for the vulnerable young people who need them. We appreciate you taking the time to read all that we have to share with you.

The decisions we have had to make, we do not make lightly. Our top priority is always the safety and well-being of our youth, staff, and supporters. We are making changes to the ways in which we interact with you and ways that you can support our mission. Please remember one thing that has not changed - the needs of our young people as we guide them on their journey from homelessness to hope.

The fear created by the pandemic and the scarcity of resources is something our youth are all too familiar with. We can all look to them and their resiliency to know that our community will persevere.

Events
It is with a heavy heart that I share with you that we will not be hosting our Young Professionals Sleep Out on Friday March 20th or our Stan Musial Hall of Fame Gala on April 25th.

Our Young Professionals who signed up to participate have moved to a Virtual Sleep Out event and are still committed to raising awareness and vital funds for our youth. You can help support these efforts by making a donation.

In commemoration of what would have been Stan Musial’s 100th birthday year, our Gala was themed to celebrate not only him, but his spirit of community giving. For more than 20 years, youth experiencing homelessness have found hope at Covenant House Missouri. They are the beneficiaries of Stan and Lillian Musial’s community spirit. Stan’s message was always one of hope and persistence. You can help us keep Stan’s message and spirit going strong.

While we won’t be able to gather together, we can be united in spirit and still choose to give. All gifts are fully tax deductible and our organization has YOP Missouri Tax Credits available. Please e-mail Rachael Lancery for more information.

We are also grateful to our sponsors - Express Scripts, Ascension and Northwestern Mutual - who have kept their sponsorship commitments invested in youth.

Volunteering and In-Kind donations
We are suspending all volunteer activities and acceptance of In-Kind donations at this time. We are working to reduce the number of people in and out of the building, and this is one way we can work to safeguard our family here. Volunteers are an integral part of our organization, and we will miss seeing you. We have always enjoyed hosting so many of you on our campus, and look forward to having you back in the future.

I do assure you we have adequate supplies on hand to meet the basic needs of our young people and keep a clean and healthy campus. It is because of the support you continue to give that we were prepared to meet these needs.

We will stay in touch with updates on our Covenant House Missouri community, how you can continue to support our mission, and what the future holds.

Thank you for the life-changing difference you make for our youth. Please keep our family here in your thoughts and prayers, as you and your families remain in ours.

With Hope and Gratitude,

Jessica Erfling
CEO, Covenant House Missouri