



April 2020

## A Message from the President & CEO

Dear Pathway Homes Supporters,

In just a matter of days, but mounting over weeks and months, we are now living in a historic moment for all of humanity. The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted every aspect of daily life across the globe, posing threats to our health, our economy, and our way of life as we know it.

Pathway Homes' foremost priority is the health and safety of our staff, volunteers, supporters, clients and community as we navigate this unprecedented and unpredictable time. But in this time of crisis – as always – is opportunity. An opportunity to reflect on the resilience, or lack thereof, of our human systems. And now more than ever, we are collectively alert to those most vulnerable: the elderly and immuno-compromised, employees across myriad industries impacted by closures and cancellations in order to flatten the curve, and of course, those who will have unique challenges to socially distance and shelter in place: those lacking shelter altogether.



We are all being impacted in different ways but try to imagine how scary it must be for our community members who are currently suffering from mental illnesses and/or homeless. They are at a higher risk for infection, but also infinitely more isolated in all the wrong ways. Many lack ready access to healthcare and have existing health issues that compound their susceptibility to the worst we have seen of this virus.

There is a call to action for Pathway Homes to provide the most basic needs of food, housing and mental health services to the most vulnerable! Costs are up to provide specialized and essential services. This pandemic has created an all-time high for the services provided by our agency, just at a time when fundraising events have had to be cancelled that normally raise money for the ongoing operations of our agency.

You can help. I know that for many, finances will become increasingly tight as long-term ramifications are unknown. I also know that we need to continue our services – adapted but uninterrupted – now more than ever.

Any amount that you can give today will ensure that we can continue to support and serve this segment of our population: bringing them resources and connection to survive, while also contributing to our shared efforts to address this momentous threat.

Amidst the uncertainty, hardship and fear, we are coming together in a way I have never

witnessed. You can make a difference with every dollar. **Will you consider a gift?**

Together we are in this, and together we will overcome it.

**Make a Gift Here!**



Sylisa Lambert-Woodard, EdD, LCSW, LSATP, MAC

*“Pathway Homes embodies the spirit of recovery: embracing an attitude of hope, self-determination and partnering with each individual on their personal journey toward achieving self-fulfillment and realizing their dreams.*

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**- Pathway Homes Mission**

## **Pathway Homes & COVID-19: We Need Your Help!**

Nancy contacted her case manager this week to share with us she had lost her restaurant job impacting her ability to pay her rent. After probing further, the case manager found out that Nancy also lacked funds to purchase food and the food banks were sparse.

Sadly, Nancy isn't the only one we serve being impacted so directly by the COVID-19 virus. In addition to the many who have lost their income, other medically fragile clients must self-quarantine. Every day, staff at all levels of the agency scramble to purchase and deliver groceries and meals, pick up prescriptions and other essential items to help the hundreds we serve.



Our Development Director picked up a generous donation of Casa Tequila Bar and Grill meals for our assisted living facility!

We know that you yourself may be impacted and we want you to know we are in this together with you! No matter your means, all gifts will be welcome and impactful. If you are able, we need your help to meet these needs and the new needs that continue to impact our clients every day.

We're working to raise \$100,000 by April 30th so we have the flexibility to quickly assist families in crisis as needed. Thanks to our generous sponsors and supporters,

Thank you to our donor who has chosen to remain anonymous!

we're 30 percent of the way there already!  
Can you help get us over the line?

## Be an Everyday Hero - Donate Here!

The Cafritz Foundation has generously offered a **\$10,000 challenge match for all donations over \$100** so your gift will go farther. Thank you Cafritz for helping our donor's gifts further help during this crisis. Also, we appreciate our legislators for including a tax deduction for charitable donations up to \$300 without the need to itemize in the **CARES Act**.



As pictured above, your donation can help us provide essentials to the homes we serve!

We are grateful to YOU for helping us make life easier for Nancy and so many who are trying to adjust to this new challenge when life was already difficult.

## Pathway Homes is Seeking Masks!



Taking on sewing as a hobby during quarantine?

Consider donating your COVID-19 projects to Pathway Homes!



We are seeking masks for staff and those we serve. We want to protect our essential staff who continue to care for our consumers while also ensuring the safety of those being cared for.

If you would like to donate masks to Pathway Homes, please contact us at [events@pathwayhomes.org](mailto:events@pathwayhomes.org) with the subject line "COVID-19 Mask Donations."

## 40th Anniversary Breakfast POSTPONED





PATHWAY HOMES, INC.  
Supportive Residential Mental Health Services

# 40th Anniversary Celebration

Annual Steps to Pathways Breakfast

Save The Date

OCTOBER 28, 2020

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

THE WATERFORD  
FAIR OAKS, VA

For the past 40 years, Pathways has been committed to our mission of embodying the spirit of recovery : embracing an attitude of hope, self-determination and partnering with each individual on their personal journey toward achieving self-fulfillment and realizing their dream.

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For sponsorship information or any questions,  
please contact Leslie Wadler at  
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or call (703)683-7500

Pathway Homes is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

For the safety of our guests, staff, and speakers, we have decided to reschedule our 40th Annual Steps to Pathways Breakfast to **October 28, 2020**.

We look forward to finally being able to celebrate with you in-person, happy and healthy!

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