



# Episcopal Church Home Activities Calendar May 2020

## Board Corner Report

### Rising to the Occasion Together!

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic began, the Episcopal Retirement Services community has risen to the occasion, responding thoroughly and swiftly in its efforts to implement safeguards and restrictions that protect residents against exposure to the virus. As the threat of the virus lingers, staff members continue to do everything within their power to keep residents happy, healthy and safe. Additionally, they are working diligently and creatively to keep residents engaged and connected with family members and loved ones who are unable to visit.

We cannot take all of the credit though. During this unprecedented time of uncertainty and crisis, residents, families, staff and members of the community at large have all made great personal sacrifices to help us protect the older adults we serve. Hundreds of hand sewn masks, donations of food, hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes, personal notes and cards to residents, daily prayers and generous donations are just a few of the many ways our communities have come to our aid.

To give individuals an opportunity to directly support needs arising from the pandemic, we have established the Emergency Response Fund (ERF). Gifts to the ERF will provide funding where the need is greatest during the COVID-19 crisis.

Caring for our residents at this moment in time demands that our staff be functioning at the highest level at all times. Therefore, we are committed to providing the care and assistance they need to sustain their physical, mental and emotional wellbeing throughout this difficult period.

Below are some examples of initiatives supported by the ERF:

- **Staff Food Access** - Accessing food has become a significant problem for our staff who are working long hours and limiting their contact with the general public.
- **Staff Emergency Bill Support** - Some staff are struggling with a reduction in family income due to the loss of a secondary income or a reduction in hours.
- **Staff Child Care Support** - The state mandated closing of all schools and some daycares has left some staff with younger children struggling to hire and pay for unexpected child care so that they may come to work. Our priority needs will continue to evolve with the ever changing landscape of public health and safety protocols related to COVID-19. However, your generous contributions to this fund will ensure that we continue to have the financial strength and flexibility required to meet those needs as they arise and evolve. To learn more about giving to the ERF, visit <https://bit.ly/EmergencyFund-ECH> or contact Director of Development, Bethany Heckel at 502-813-4895 or by email at [bheckel@erslife.org](mailto:bheckel@erslife.org).

### May Birthdays

Irvin Fryberger 05/04  
Deborah Cecil 05/09  
Marion Gleason 05/15  
Nicholas Kieffer III 5/25  
Susan Speed 05/27  
Velma Westenskow 5/29

### Dudley Square Birthdays

Bonnie Sabel 05/02  
Peggy Summers 05/11  
Emily Willingham 05/18  
Anne Lanham 05/26

