



To our Benevilla Caregivers and Members,

Due to the high risk level of our population and the increasing number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our area, the Benevilla team has ultimately decided to **close our Life Enrichment Day Programs beginning Thursday, March 26, 2020.**

This has not been an easy decision, but we feel it is important to be proactive at this time. The safety and wellbeing of our members, families, staff and volunteers are our top priority.

We understand the stress that this pandemic has put on our families and we want you to know we are still here to support you. We will still be offering the following support services:

- **Virtual Life Enriching Programming.** Many of our program entertainers and activity personnel are offering virtual activities during this difficult time. Please be on the lookout for communication from your Directors to begin participating in these activities with your loved one from the safety of your home.
- **Caregiver Support and Life Coaching.** We know that the needs of caregivers do not pause as this pandemic continues, we are here for you.
 - **Benevilla is now offering all of our current Caregiver Support Groups over-the-phone on our new conference line: (623) 259-0505.** The Support Group schedule will follow the current schedule attached.
 - We would like to offer any caregiver in need of support **15 minutes of Free Life Coaching** with Connie Danks, M.A., Benevilla Trained Life Coach and Support Group Facilitator. For more information or any questions, please call 623.584.4999 today.
- **Free Home Services.** At this time, Benevilla continues to offer free essential home services for older adults who may need extra help including:
 - Grocery shopping
 - Assisted transportation to essential medical appointments
 - Phone pals
 - And emergency errands



- **Benevilla C.A.R.E.S. Resources.** If you are looking for support services in the community, in-home care, alternate respite services and more, a Benevilla C.A.R.E.S. Resource Specialist can point you in the right direction. Simply call 623.584.4999 and we can provide vetted and high quality resource you may need.

Please note that as an agency, we are trying our very best to support all our staff members during this time as we offer alternative opportunities to staff who may be experiencing program closures.

We continue to believe we are strongest when we stand together and if you are able to help support Benevilla, we would greatly appreciate it at this time. Donations for Arizona Gives Day can be made until April 7, 2020 and a generous donor is matching all donations dollar-for-dollar for the first \$5,000 donated. Donations to Benevilla can be made online at www.azgives.org/Benevilla, by phone at 623-584-4999 or by mail to: Benevilla P.O. Box 8450, Surprise, AZ 85374.

Our hope is that as a community, we can get through this crisis and reopen our doors on June 1, 2020 or as soon as possible. We will continue to remain in close contact and will keep you updated as to our plans. For any questions or concerns, please contact Sue Stumbough at sstumbough@benevilla.org or call 623-584-4999.

Sincerely,

Joanne Thomson, Benevilla President & CEO