Dear community members and families,

The Benevilla Leadership team would like to keep you updated as our agency evolves during the uncertain time of COVID-19. With that being said, thank you all for continued support for Benevilla and our mission. Please see the updates below:

- Across our agency, we have revised our Stay At Home Policy for all employees, volunteers, children and families. According to the CDC, staying home and avoiding physical contact with others is an important prevention step you can take to protect others from being infected and spreading further into the community. Please follow these guidelines:
  - If you have tested positive for COVID-19, you should: Stay home and away from others for 7 days after your COVID-19 testing AND 72 hours (3 days) after your fever and symptoms of respiratory infection are gone, without using fever-reducing medications. Once these conditions are met, you can discontinue home isolation and resume your normal activities.
  - If you have a fever and respiratory symptoms and have NOT tested positive for COVID-19, you are required: Stay home and away from others until 72 hours after your fever (100.4° F or greater) and symptoms of respiratory infection are gone, without using fever-reducing medications. Once symptoms have been gone for 72 hours, you can resume normal activities.

- Wirtzie’s Preschool and Child Care will remain open during the COVID-19 pandemic serving families and workers with young children who are first responders or in the healthcare and medical industry and those families who are currently enrolled.
  - Beginning Monday, April 6, 2020, Wirtzie’s Preschool and Childcare will open up our services to support school aged children up to 12 years old. Wirtzie’s will be offering purposeful, and engaging activities for the children with scheduled times for homework assistance. Children are allowed to bring in their laptops or tablets to work on schoolwork with staff support. This opportunity is open to the community temporarily during the needs of COVID-19.

We are trying our very best to continue to support all our staff members during this difficult time and will continue as this ever-changing pandemic impacts our agency. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sue Stumbough at ststumbough@benevilla.org or at 623-584-4999.

Sincerely,

Joanne Thomson, Benevilla President & CEO