



UNITED COMMUNITIES OF SAN ANTONIO

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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 1, 2020

Re: **United Communities of San Antonio Q1 2020 Update**

Coronavirus (Covid-19): We at the United Communities of San Antonio (UCSA) hope that you and your families are all safe during this unprecedented time. Per the UCSA Emergency Preparedness Guidelines, the health, safety, and welfare of our staff and communities are a top priority. Therefore, due to the recent outbreak of the COVID-19, effective Monday March 16th, 2020, it was out of an abundance of caution, that the UCSA office was physically closed. Furthermore, in compliance with the subsequent governmental emergency declarations and executive orders, the office will remain closed until further notice. UCSA operations will continue accordingly from remote locations.

The UCSA Board of Directors and Staff fully recognize the work of fellow non-profits who focus on health-related services, food, clothing, and shelter, within our communities. We understand and support the current increased focus of both individuals and businesses providing financial resources to these types of very worthy non-profits always, and especially now as priority during the immediate pandemic.

UCSA as a small local non-profit human relations organization, is proud to have served the citizens of the City of San Antonio and surrounding communities going on 66 years. During this unprecedented time, most funding sources previously available to UCSA, are no longer available and/or are not allowed to provide financial support for social services organizations like ours at this time. We acknowledge that fact and genuinely ask that if you and/or your organization are able, to please consider helping the nonprofits who are directly working to provide access to health-related services, food, clothing, or shelter to individuals.

Maudie Muraida: Maudie, who has given 46 years of service to our organization, has chosen to retire effective March 31, 2020. We are so very thankful for her selfless work, numerous hours, and genuine commitment to our communities. She has been a beacon of light who has played a significant role in the lives of so many children in our region. We were so honored to award her with a 45 years of service token of our appreciation at the 2019 Humanitarian Awards Dinner. Additionally, she received a unanimous vote of acceptance in being provided with a Lifetime Honorary Member designation. Although she may not be physically working with UCSA daily, she has opted to volunteer whenever she is able to do so. We are truly humbled by her presence and forever grateful for her service. It will be our goal to ensure that her legacy continues forward as it will always be intertwined with the mission of our organization. Thank you, Maudie!

UCSA Forward: Please know that the Board of Directors and Staff have worked collaboratively in Fiscal Years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 year to date. While there has been a revised mission statement and an enhanced portfolio of services integrated, there have also been challenging times. Additionally, some very difficult decisions were implemented in hopes to allow for forward sustainable operations. The Board remains committed to UCSA as an organization, UCSA is committed to the communities, and all of us are collectively passionate about our diverse communities and all of humankind. We know the services we provide continue to be necessary now and will be once we are past this pandemic.

Safe Communities: We ask that everyone follow the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines and comply with governmental emergency declarations and executive orders. We also ask that everyone please remember acts of humanity, acts of kindness, and acts of compassion will aid us all collectively through this uncertain time.

In Unity,
Herb Nance
Chair of the Board of Directors

MISSION

United Communities of San Antonio is a human relations organization dedicated to creating safe and inclusive communities, while advocating for social justice, by promoting understanding and respect among all people through awareness, education, and dialogue.