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Genesha is a former participant of ODB. She partook in our Mentoring Program from 2006-2010. Genesha studied journalism at UW, worked in fundraising since 2014, and have now pivoted to freelance writing fulltime. Mostly doing grant writing and fundraising copy. This year, Genesha has returned to assist ODB with Grant Writing efforts.

This Moment Matters More Than Ever

It is with a heavy heart that I share my reflections on the devastating coronavirus pandemic. I'd be remiss not to mention the 2 million lives it has taken worldwide. I regret to say with certainty that the number will be higher when you read this. We have all been affected by this in one way or another. I deeply wish that this were an instance in which the residents of the world would extend tenderness and understanding toward their fellow man so that we could all heal together. Instead, people are politicking. Humanity is divided and our collective suffering is ever-present. The truths about the virus and its impact are difficult to accept. Focusing on surviving the moment with any glimpse of joy seems like a lofty goal, but one that matters now more than ever.

Take a moment right now. Look around. Listen for the loud and little noises all around you. Breathe in. Now, let it out. If you can do this, use your senses, breathe the breath of life and read this text, you have much to be grateful for.

It may seem like the world is spinning out of control, but you decide what rules your world. I encourage you to choose grace, kindness, understanding, and patience. Not just with others, but with yourself. The only thing that is constant in the world is change. With that universal truth, you should be empowered to change too. Do what you can to meet the challenges of today so that you will survive to breathe another breath. That may require big and small changes to your behavior and or mindset. No matter what it is, you can rise to the moment, and once you do, I hope that you will cherish it.



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2020 Scholarship Winners

This year, we have two winners for Our Daily Bread Scholarship Program. Please help me congratulate Maya Chaney & Masasha Murray. Both young ladies will receive a \$500 Grant from the Scholarship Program for higher education on January 30, 2021.

Every year, on November 9th, the Scholarship Program is open for who are enrolled in higher education courses. Essentially, the program supports youth who received services from ODB and now pursuing higher education in colleges or technical schools throughout our Nation. Students could utilize the funds on room and board, school supplies, etc.

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