



A TRADITION OF CARING – A COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

March 19, 2020

Dear Fellow Service Providers, Friends and Dedicated Volunteers:

Effective Thursday March 19th, at close of business, our office will be closed, and staff will be working from home. You can continue to reach us by phone at 845-338-2980 or by email, jfs.ulster@gmail.com. If you are calling in, someone will be available Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 1:00pm to take your call. Calls after 1:00 pm will be returned the following day.

The decision to close the office and work from home was not lightly made, We are in the midst of a health care crisis and wish to keep our staff and clients safe while continuing to meet the needs of our community and clients. This crisis is a fluid situation and we recognize at any time things may change, For the present, we are doing what is prudent - no unnecessary meetings or group activities. The need for social distance and self-isolating will be re-evaluated on a regular basis and we will update you as to the changes.

During this time, we are still providing the following volunteer programs, and if you can help with any of the below please let us know:

1. **Food Shopping** - if you are able and feel comfortable, we are looking for those who may be able to go shopping for a senior.
2. **Friendly Visitor Phone Calls** – just checking in with neighbors/seniors to see how they are doing.

STATUS OF REGULAR PROGRAMS:

1. **Our Home-Based Mental Health Program** will continue to provide services either telephonically by Face Time, Skype or phone.
2. **Care Giver Support and Bereavement Groups** are suspended.
3. **E-MDT meeting for March is cancelled**, please continue to refer Elder Abuse Cases to us.
4. **The Holocaust Survivors Home Care and Case management program will continue** to provide home care and case management services to Survivors in Ulster, Dutchess and Sullivan County.

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