April 2, 2020



Dear Friend of The Arc San Francisco,

I hope you are holding up well under the circumstances.

In light of the shelter in place order being extended through 5/3/20, our three locations in San Francisco, San Mateo County and Marin County will remain closed until Monday, May 4th. We will assess if a further extension will be required during the week of April 26th.

Our staff at The Arc continue to do their work and have shown tremendous dedication during the COVID-19 outbreak. This week we rolled out our remote learning site, The Arc SF Hub.



The Hub reached over 100 individuals participating in just its first two days. We invite you to visit this terrific resource that will engage and support Arc participants today and in the future. Other remote resources are in the works, including a Friendship Line for participants to call, relieving isolation while sheltering in place. Plus, our third participant podcast is set to broadcast next week, The Arc Speaks Out. The Hub will be announcing launch dates when they are ready to go.

We are also doing regular check-ins with all of our program participants and pursuing additional ways to serve people who have limited access to technology.

I am taking part in regular remote meetings with various provider groups, both locally and statewide, to discuss and collaborate on the challenges we are facing. We are working closely with the Golden Gate Regional Center, which has shown great leadership throughout this crisis.

Thank you for all of your support. If ever there was a time participants of The Arc needed it - it is now!

Take care, and I will keep you informed of any major developments.

Sincerely,



Matthew Tarver-Wahlquist Executive Director

P.S. Our main office number is open to answer any questions during office closure, 415-255-7200. Please check our COVID-19 Response site for continuing updates and resources: https://www.thearcsf.org/covid-19-updates-response/

P.P.S. Your support will make a significant difference during this challenging time as we ensure the health and safety of individuals with developmental disabilities in our community.



The mission of The Arc San Francisco is to transform the lives of adults with developmental disabilities by advancing lifelong learning, personal achievement and independence.

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