

From the desk of
Paul Hoffman

Dear Seton Center Family,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well as I take this opportunity to share Seton Center's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Maintaining the faith and dedication that has guided Seton Center for the past 50 years, we continue to provide services to the needy in Kansas City during this time of uncertainty. In brief, we are taking the following steps to help those we serve, while maintaining a safe environment.



- We are **implementing COVID-19 safety measures** based on the guidelines disseminated by the Center for Disease Control and the American Dental Association.
- Located in Kansas City's 3rd District, which is the local district hit hardest by COVID-19, we are **providing educational materials for our clients** detailing critical measures to stay safe and prevent the spread of the coronavirus.
- **Dental Services is providing emergency procedures** to existing as well as new clients. We are investigating COVID-19 testing equipment to test patients onsite for the virus. Testing would allow the Dental Department to resume full operations.
- Our Food Pantry clients are still eligible to receive food and hygiene distributions every three weeks, whereas those outside of our service area can receive a one-time distribution. **Requests for food assistance increased dramatically, climbing from 413 families in February to 640 families in March.**
- We are **providing Emergency Assistance for Rent and Utilities for up to 20 families per month**. Social Services is conducting Emergency Assistance interviews by phone and is requesting clients to email or mail qualifying documentation to Seton Center.
- Out of concern for the safety of our dedicated volunteers, **we temporarily closed the Blessed Day Thrift Store**. We look forward to having all of our volunteers join us again, as soon as it is safe to do so. Seton Center isn't the same without our volunteers.
- **Senior Buddies are staying home**. We miss them and look forward to seeing them soon.

Many have asked how they can help. If you are able, we would deeply appreciate your support by donating by mail, or by visiting our website at www.setonkc.org and selecting the donate button. Also, we welcome prayers as a way to lift our clients and staff during this challenging time.

In gratitude for all that you do for Seton Center,

Paul Hoffman
CEO