



Connecting people and fostering independence through innovative and affordable housing, because everyone needs a place to call home.

[NAME]
[ADDRESS]
[CITY/STATE/ZIP]

Dear [NAME]

In January we sent Save-the-Date cards for the 12th Annual Dinner Auction of Shared Housing Services. A lot has changed since then, so we would like to update you on our plans.

With an abundance of caution and sensitivity to the impact COVID-19 is having on everyone, Shared Housing Services is announcing that **instead** of holding the annual Dinner Auction on May 16th as planned, we will be conducting an online auction event where you may bid on the great items we have collected to continue to support our mission and work. We will notify you once a platform and date are chosen.

From the generous support of caring community members such as you, our annual Dinner-Auction raises 25% of the yearly operating revenue. To lessen the financial impact on our ability to fulfill our mission, the online auction will provide an opportunity for you to join other supporters to continue your generous giving, albeit in a virtual manner. We look forward to resuming our Dinner-Auction next year and celebrating with all of you.

While there are unknowns surrounding COVID-19, the mandated closures and restrictions will financially impact many individuals and households who might become unstable and/or homeless. The need for our programs will inevitably increase. I have been meeting with staff and community stakeholders to strategize on how to position our homesharing programs to serve the anticipated increased demand for safe, stable, and affordable housing.

Please take care of yourself and your families, and if you place any orders on Amazon, don't forget to include Shared Housing Services in your *AmazonSmile* purchases. Thank you for your continued support and help.

Sincerely,

Mark Merrill
Executive Director