

Good Afternoon,

I am reaching out to you today about the immediate plan of action for our affiliate due to Covid-19.

First, our board meeting for March 26 has been canceled.

Suzan and I have been communicating on what is in the best interest of the staff and volunteers for NOHFH. We are both in agreement that we need to suspend our home repair program indefinitely. Because the majority of those we service are elderly or have underlying health conditions, we do not want to risk exposing them to COVID-19. At the same time, we want to make sure our staff and volunteers remain healthy and are not put at any unnecessary risk.

Unfortunately, at this time we are also suspending our homeowner selection. We were moving forward with the selection so that we could have our partner family in place for our Building Homes from the Heart campaign in June. We will need to postpone the BHFTH campaign and we are looking to reschedule the build in the fall.

At this time the ReStore remains open but that is being reviewed on a daily basis. All staff are able to work remotely if they are concerned about coming to the ReStore.

Our number one priority is the health and well-being of our staff, volunteers and the community we serve.

During this time of uncertainty, one thing that we can control is making sure we are all safe and taking the necessary precautions. By taking the above measures, we are doing what we can to make sure we do not put any one at risk. Personally, after processing the fear and anxiety of the unknown, I am choosing to take control and to find the blessings in all of this. This "down-time" allows me more time to spend with my family and to focus on the little things that often get "swept to the side" when we are busy. This will help our family get through this time. I pray that you and your families stay healthy and are able to find peace during this uncertain time. If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to reach out to me or Suzan.

Thank you and God Bless,
Kristine Novakowski