

March 17, 2020

Friends –

We are closely monitoring the challenges posed by the public health emergency that is COVID-19.

On March 17, Pat's Place Child Advocacy Center took steps to suspend on-site response services as well as individual and group therapy appointments through at least March 31. Our dedicated team of professionals continues to work each day, albeit remotely. We remain in close contact with clients, caregivers and our partners. All appointments will be rescheduled for a later date when the threat of community spread is mitigated.

Although we are not conducting forensic interviews during this time, we continue to receive referrals from law enforcement and the Mecklenburg Department of Social Services. We continue to triage cases as they are received, link professionals across departments, and consult with investigators if an immediate forensic interview of a child is warranted. Our on-site partners at Atrium Health's Pediatric Resource Center continue to conduct child medical examinations in office as needed.

Additionally, as a result of public requests to limit mass gatherings, the *Everyday Heroes* luncheon scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. We are disappointed – not only because this is an important fundraiser for Pat's Place – but because this event connects us more deeply with our community. Further information about supporting Pat's Place during this unprecedented time can be found at [www.patsplacecac.org/event/everyday-heroes-luncheon/](http://www.patsplacecac.org/event/everyday-heroes-luncheon/)

We hope that you are also taking extra precautions to limit your exposure and remain healthy during this time. Our community is strong, and we hope all will work together to address this public health challenge.

Sincerely,



Andrew M. Oliver  
Executive Director