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GLIDE Continues to Provide Essential Services to San Francisco's Most Vulnerable Residents During Coronavirus Crisis

Advocates for Moving Swiftly, Collectively and with Determination to Help the Homeless Population

In the face of the Coronavirus pandemic, GLIDE continues to adapt to the ever-changing landscape to provide free, hot meals and other essential services to vulnerable residents in San Francisco's Tenderloin community. Owing to the citywide need to lower the community spread of coronavirus, GLIDE has adjusted some of its operations to maintain essential services while protecting the health and safety of its clients, staff and the general public.

In an op-ed published in today's San Francisco Chronicle, "[Coronavirus pandemic: What we must do for the homeless](#)," GLIDE Foundation CEO Karen Hanrahan is also advocating for a comprehensive and coordinated plan, led by the City, that will leverage service providers and community partners to take collective and necessary steps to mitigate the spread of the virus throughout our homeless communities. Hanrahan lays out an initial five-point plan and also calls for collective and creative thinking about we can go beyond mitigation of the coronavirus and design sustainable solutions toward ending homelessness.

"We urgently need a more expansive and comprehensive plan, led by the City, that harnesses collective resources and action to prevent, screen, test and contain the spread of the coronavirus, as well as provide rigorous and humane care for the inevitable onslaught of cases in homeless communities. We know we cannot rely on the Federal government for this leadership. San Francisco must lead the way," said Hanrahan. "The only way to ensure that each of us is protected is to ensure that all of us are protected."

Earlier this month, GLIDE closed its dining rooms and moved GLIDE's Daily Free Meals program outside, utilizing takeout containers. This week, operating without the help of volunteers and with a smaller staff, GLIDE and nearby community partner St. Anthony's have pooled valuable resources so that GLIDE can continue to deliver hot, nutritious breakfast and dinner, while St. Anthony's (150 Golden Gate) will serve lunch. GLIDE's Walk-In Center services continue via a triage desk in the lobby to avoid congregating in the building. GLIDE's Harm Reduction Services has paused offsite HIV/Hep C testing events (to avoid congregating) in favor of 1:1 testing, while Syringe Access Services continues. GLIDE Church's Celebration Online continues Sundays at 9:00 & 11:00 am via Facebook live through April 30.

GLIDE afterschool and childcare programs at its Family, Youth and Childcare Center (FYCC) at 434 Ellis Street have closed through May 1 in conjunction with the closure of schools by the San Francisco Unified School District. GLIDE's Women's Center, Men in Progress program, Volunteer Program, Recovery Circle, Legal Clinic, and Senior Social are all paused through April 30.

As GLIDE's volunteer program is paused until further notice, the most impactful way that the public can help is by making a donation to help support GLIDE's efforts on behalf of the community.

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