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Dear DFKDC families and volunteers:

Dreams For Kids DC (DFKDC) continues to prioritize the safety and wellbeing of our families and volunteers as the region addresses the coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19).

We have made the difficult decision to suspend DFKDC programming through April 30th, 2020. Recognizing that some of our participants may have chronic conditions that make COVID-19 more dangerous for them, we have decided to do our part in helping to ensure the health and safety of our wonderful community by following the DC Health Advisory's recommendation to postpone or cancel non-essential mass gatherings to help stem the current outbreak.

Only the rugby and volleyball clinics planned for April 2020 are affected at this time; activities planned for May through the end of the year are still on. We are committed to working with our community partners to reschedule as many activities as possible later in the year, but recognize that we may not be able to accommodate our full schedule of programming planned for the remainder of 2020. Like many of you, we're in a wait-and-see mode at this time.

Your DFKDC team is monitoring the situation daily and meeting weekly to make programming decisions as the public health recommendations continue to evolve. We plan to share updates with our community on a bi-weekly basis, and to provide timely notifications about changes to programming currently planned if we need to postpone or cancel additional activities. In this case, you will be notified two weeks before the clinic through emails, Eventbrite, and social media postings, and any deposits you paid to hold your spot will be refunded to you.

As part of our commitment to the safety and wellbeing of our families and volunteers, here are some useful resources that we consulted to help inform ourselves about COVID-19:

- [WHO: Coronavirus Overview](#)
- [CDC: About Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)
- [Red Cross: Coronavirus Safety Tips](#)
- [Forbes: 5 Things to Know about Coronavirus and People with Disabilities](#)
- [DC Health Advisory: Guidelines Effective March 11, 2020](#)
- [DC Mayor's Office: Mass Gathering Recommendations](#)
- [Green Mountain Self-Advocates: Plain Language Guides](#)
- [WTOP News: Free Student Meals during Closures](#)

Stay tuned! We will also be sharing some activities and ideas for fun at home in our next newsletter. Please feel free to email me at gfu@dreamsforkids.org with any ideas or resources you want to share with the DFKDC community.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support--we are all in this together! Please stay safe and be well!

Very best,
Glenda Fu Smith
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