



HOME BUILDERS FOUNDATION

To: Building Hope Gala sponsors and registered attendees:

On March 11, 2020, Governor Kate Brown, at the recommendation of state health officials and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), has instituted a statewide ban on all large gatherings of 250 or more for four weeks, effective immediately, to slow the transmission of the coronavirus in Oregon.

Our Building Hope Gala, scheduled for April 4, 2020, falls within that ban, so in accordance with the event guidelines set by the Governor, we will postpone this event in the best interest of our guest's health and safety. **We will work with our venue, auctioneer and other support vendors to reschedule this event and will communicate details to our sponsors and attendees as soon possible.**

The Building Hope Gala is our largest fundraising event of the year that enables Home Builders Foundation-HomeAid Portland to do amazing projects in our community, so we of course are disappointed by this postponement, but we also want to do the right thing, step up in a crisis and pivot to where we can help.

This virus has the potential to have a heavy impact on the people and shelter operators that are central to our mission to serve. The vulnerable populations that are unsheltered on the streets often have underlying health issues that make them even more vulnerable to the symptoms of Covid-19, and this new challenge will also put a heavy burden on already maxed out shelters in our area.

We already know that the building community is extremely generous; we see it on all of our shelter projects annually. We will be working with our shelter partners and other HomeAid chapters across the country to see what the biggest needs are and how we can help. We will keep you informed on how you can join us in doing something positive in a time of instability for everyone.

We will be in touch soon with updates. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and your ongoing support of Home Builders Foundation.

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