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*Guiding Successful Futures*

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Dear LC4YF Supporters:

We are in unprecedented times. It is difficult to imagine how COVID-19 has impacted so many segments of our community, country and world.

Our programming at Lakes Center has been shifted as many other businesses. In summary, Youth First, Tried and True, Career Launch, and Bingo/Pull tabs (charitable gambling) are suspended because of the closures of schools and Running Aces. Intervention and counseling continue to serve clients via telehealth appointments. This is extremely critical to our youth and families. Mental health services were critical before COVID-19 and are even more so now with the many challenges and serious situations we are facing. Kudos to our staff for moving from in-person intervention and counseling appointments to telehealth within 48 hours!

Financially, we have applied for the Paycheck Protection Program through the CARES Act, emergency grants, and emergency lines of credit. The most impactful financial hit for Lakes Center was the closure of Running Aces and therefore the closure of charitable gambling which is our largest, most consistent source of revenue each month. At a minimum, it provides \$10,000 net per month.

Many people and institutions are in need of assistance. Many of you have asked what assistance do we, at Lakes Center, need. There are two things, at the moment, that would support us in our work within the community:

**\*Encourage anyone who feels they could use support through an appointment with one of our counselors to seek help with us or another mental health provider. To schedule an appointment at Lakes Center contact [receptionist@lc4yf.org](mailto:receptionist@lc4yf.org) or 612-405-0299.**

**\*If you are able, consider supporting us through a [financial donation](#) or a donation from our [Wish List](#).**

If you have any questions, also feel free to contact me at 651-464-3685. Thank you for your support. Stay safe and stay well.

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