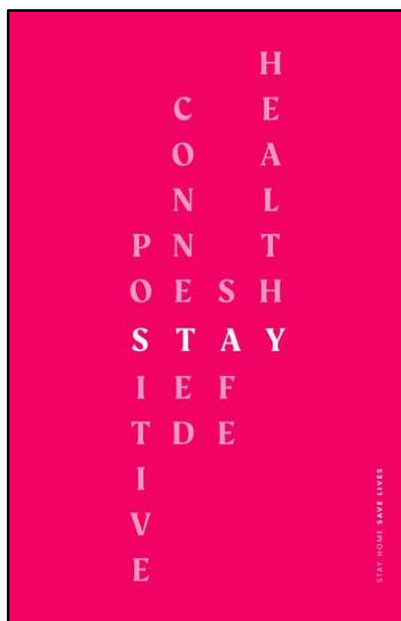
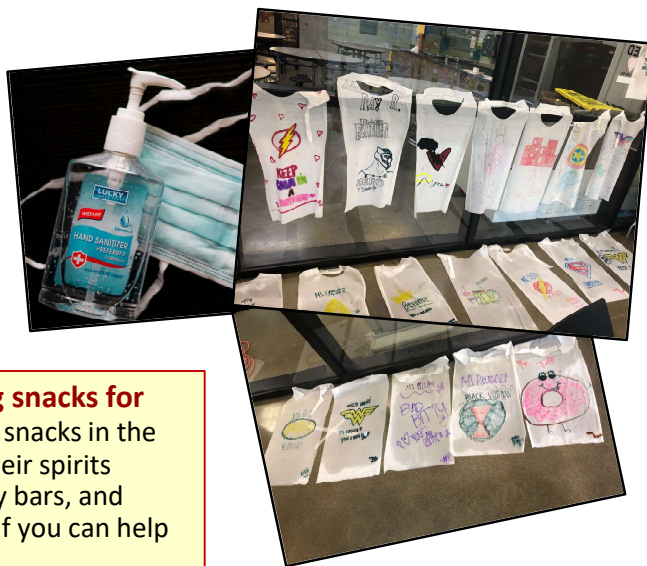




Dear Friends and Supporters,

Superheroes are in our midst! The youth in LCFS' residential program spent some time last week recognizing the tremendous efforts of our staff by making Superhero Capes!, Everyday, while many have been "sheltering in place", these **dedicated men and women continue to provide a safe and therapeutic home for the children** entrusted to LCFS' care. The capes were displayed in the hallways to honor these dedicated individuals for all their hard work!

You can be a Superhero too! Donate single-serving snacks for our Superhero staff! We are providing staff with daily snacks in the breakroom during this stressful time. Items that boost their spirits include chips, granola bars, pretzels, popcorn, Rice Krispy bars, and other "grab-and-go" treats! Please contact us via e-mail if you can help at: develop@lutheranfamily.org



As the State and County work toward "re-opening", LCFS is evaluating plans and approaches that will keep our residents and staff as safe as possible. Even during this time of crisis, our team has worked to help the youth progress in their treatment. **During the last several weeks, we have seen 11 youth successfully discharge due to meeting their program goals!** We have also accepted 6 new referrals during this time. This process requires a cautious, deliberate approach to reduce transmission to other facilities as well as our own; we must make sure all youth discharging as well as any new admissions are healthy. We currently have 63 youth on campus, and a waiting list of referrals from which we will continue to safely move forward with new admissions in the coming weeks and months.

As the current school year wraps up, the residents have been working hard on "e-learning" activities to make sure they stayed on track with their educational progress. In addition, **our staff are making creative plans to resume family visitation in ways that promote "social distancing"** but still give residents and families opportunities to reconnect. For example, we hope to coordinate outdoor "family picnics" to promote family bonding opportunities in a safe setting.

What else is needed? By supporting the mission and programs of LCFS, you can make a difference. LCFS needs help to secure Personal Protective Gear (Gloves, Masks, Gowns, etc.) and more cleaning supplies, such as Clorox wipes and paper towels. If you can assist, please contact us via e-mail at develop@lutheranfamily.org !



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