Message from Victoria Spreng  
Executive Director

**We’re here!** As an essential service, The Lighthouse Foundation continues to provide food, shelter and limited financial assistance to our community during this pandemic. While we are ever-changing with the hourly updates from the state and federal level, we continue to keep the health and safety of our clients, volunteers and staff our highest priority.

Our volunteers and staff clean multiple times a day, wear gloves and masks, practice social distancing and are constantly praying for you and your loved ones. At 10am and before every distribution start time we come together and pray, would you join us? We ask for your prayers and patience as we all get through this together. **Volunteers and monetary donations are both imperative and needed as we press on;** even our transitional housing ministry continues to operate by accepting referrals, conducting intakes, providing case management and being the crucial support our clients need during this time.

Operating our food pantry as a “drive through” model is the safest and most effective way to continue providing food to those in need, but we wanted to let everyone know that we certainly miss the ministry aspect of our previous model. Getting to chat with everyone who walks through our doors, being able to pray for them when asked and being blessed to follow up on their progress the next time we see them, is what we miss the most.

Changing the way we operate does not mean we have changed our mission: **Encouraging others to find hope in Christ while meeting their immediate needs and empowering them towards self-sufficiency.** Jesus is the reason we are able to provide and we believe that God will continue to use us to help empower those around us. We are so thankful for, and impressed by, our community of supporters as they have gone above and beyond in providing for us so that we can continue to serve. From the donations to the transportation aid, we are truly grateful and know that we will weather this storm together. Here at The Lighthouse Foundation we remind each other to stand on the truth of God’s word:

> “For we walk by faith and not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7

Just as a lighthouse stands firm while the waves crash around it, we will continue to be here and shine Christ’s light through this storm. I am grateful for this opportunity to provide you an update and pray that you and your loved ones stay safe and healthy.

Thankfully,

Victoria Spreng