

# South Coast Hospice & Palliative Care Services, Inc.

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A message from the CEO of South Coast Hospice  
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## South Coast Hospice Thrift Store Helps Community While Remaining Closed

Dear Community Members,

We have decided that the South Coast Hospice Thrift Store will remain closed until we feel confident it is safe to reopen. As a medical provider, the health and well-being of our staff and customers are our utmost priority. We must be extra diligent in these times. The physical layout of our store, especially near the entrance, does not lend itself well to social distancing practices and we do not have the space to sufficiently quarantine donations before placing them for sale.

This was a difficult decision to make. We know many people rely on our low cost clothing and other items. So many of our customers have become friends and we would see them on a regular basis. The SCH Thrift Store contributes approximately 17% of the revenue for our hospice services, which is a great loss to our organization, but we place a greater value on the well-being of our community members.

During this time, we are taking care of repairs and projects while it is safer to do so. We are also continuing with our Pay It Forward program. This program helps other non-profits, churches, school groups, and agencies by supplying goods they may need. Groups interested in participating can contact Carol Gardner at [c.gardner@schospice.org](mailto:c.gardner@schospice.org) to schedule an appointment to discuss needs and how the program can help. Most recently, the Devereaux Center contacted us to provide hats, gloves, and scarves for some of their clients. We were able to supply them with a box of these items, as we had a surplus.

We ask for your understanding and hope to open as soon as it is safe to do so. Thank you to those who have told us they will hold on to their donations until then. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you in the store in the near future.

Best Regards,

*Lorell Durkee*

CEO

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