

## COVID 19 Response Update:

In order to protect our volunteers and friends experiencing homelessness, Friends of the State Street Family have made several changes related to the COVID-19 crisis. As a supplier of essential resources to people experiencing homelessness in Dane County, we are dedicated to providing access to these resources in a safe and compliant manner. We are working tirelessly to collaborate with the city, county and non-profit agencies who are performing amazing work to help our friends experiencing homelessness and keeping them safe. For more current real time updates, please refer to our [Facebook](#) page.

### Ways to Help

There are many ways you can continue to support our work during this crisis:

Donate:      <https://friendsofthestatestreetfamily.org/product/donate-now/>

Wishlist:    [https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/3HOR8FHH2K3OJ/ref=cm\\_wl\\_huc\\_view%20](https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/3HOR8FHH2K3OJ/ref=cm_wl_huc_view%20)

Face Mask Drive: We are currently in need of face masks for our friends experiencing homelessness, our volunteers and collaborative agency partners. If you can sew and would like to provide masks please contact: [outreach@friendsofthestatestreetfamily.org](mailto:outreach@friendsofthestatestreetfamily.org)

Care Packages: If you are interested in putting together care packages for people experiencing homelessness or our hospitality tables, please contact [ourteach@friendsofthestatestreetfamily.org](mailto:ourteach@friendsofthestatestreetfamily.org) to find out the care packages/items we are currently in need of.

Hospitality Tables: If you own a business in downtown Madison and are willing to host a table, please reach out to us on [Facebook](#). FSSF will keep the table supplied, all you have to do is be willing to have the table on your property.

## Modifications to Street Outreach

For the safety of our volunteers and friends, we have modified our street outreach and are now limiting to hospitality tables with resources and supplies and limited outreach utilizing vehicles, healthy social distancing and personal hygiene practices in compliance with CDC best practices. Although we are no longer providing our street outreach in the traditional way, we are dedicated to getting resources to collaborative agencies and friends in the most expedient way possible.

## Resources

All efforts are made to return calls made to our voice-to-text Emergency Outreach Line – 608-535-9694 – within 24 hours. Please leave your name and contact number so we are able to return your call. If you do not have a phone

we are able to return calls to the Beacon. Friends of the State Street Family relies on the generous financial and in-kind gifts from our amazing donors. For this reason we will try our best to fulfill reasonable special requests, but fulfillment is not guaranteed. Due to the COVID 19 crisis we may have delays getting supplies to friends. Please also refer to our online resource guide for further assistance and information:

<https://friendsofthestatestreetfamily.org/get-help/>