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Subject: FW: Thrift Stores

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On Apr 30, 2020, at 2:49 PM, Kathy Chiverton <kathychiverton@discoveryctr.net> wrote:

Hi Jill,

Thank you for your offer of help in determining when and how local thrift stores can re-open. We have seen in the most recent Shelter in Place guidelines that retail will be allowed to operate if they have curbside pick-up. Unfortunately, most thrift stores do not lend themselves to on-line shopping or phone orders. They are, however, critically important in providing funding for essential services.

Would it be possible for you or Candace to convene a meeting of Contra Costa County thrift store operators, e.g., Assistance League, Hospice of the East Bay, Discovery Counseling Center? It would be helpful for all of us to get some guidance from county health officials on when they think we might re-open. Also, what protocols should we implement for the safety of our staff and customers? What procedures should we follow in accepting donations?

This work may already have been done and if there are guidelines, I would greatly appreciate it if you could send them to me. I have copied the President of the Friends of Discovery, Jenise Falk, on this email. She has volunteers (many over 65) who are eager to get back to work. We want to be sure that we are able to keep them safe.

Many thanks, Jill!

Warmest regards,

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