



Dear Senior Friends,

As we welcome summer, The Friendship Center plans are still uncertain for Congregate in house dining and activities, we are currently still under Governor DeWine's order to remain closed. We have been participating in meetings with Ohio Department of Aging, Area Agency on Aging Region 9, and Ohio Association of Senior Centers about a phased re-opening. This would be a process and we would have to follow guidelines that have already been set into place. There is a possibility to try some small exercise groups in July (10 in a group only-UNLESS outside). ALL social distancing guidelines apply. There has been some discussion of how and when to allow some clients in for lunch, but it would be a small amount in or after August and we would have to open by restaurant guidelines and we are not prepared to do that yet. The guidance from Ohio Department of Aging has encouraged safety and flexibility. The Director states if we are more comfortable with what we are doing, we should continue to do so!!! WE ARE AND IT IS WORKING!!! We are required to present plans before we can re-start everything and have to ensure that we have enough Personal Protection Equipment to keep staff and seniors safe and follow the governed guidelines.

With a heavy heart, we made the decision to close the Malvern and Sherrodsville sites as of 06/30/2020, we will continue with curbside delivery at those sites as long as we can and if needed will offer additional home delivered meal service in the area. Prior to Covid-19 the numbers were not supportive of these sites and with the uncertainty of the future with COVID and guidance from AAA9 this was the right thing to do. We are still here for you and want to offer you whatever services that we can! We want to THANK...The Malvern Methodist Church and Sherrodsville Lions Club for our time together and looking forward to offering special events with them!

This all being said...WE MISS YOU SO MUCH! We miss your stories, your laughter, and your hugs!!! Thank you to those that have been sending us cards of encouragement, thank you notes and donations, we are overwhelmed with your love and appreciation! We know that you are getting out and about, that is your choice and we are starting to do so as well. We just ask that you continue to take care of yourselves and be as safe as possible. It all goes back to the most important things we learned in kindergarten...BE KIND, cover your cough or sneeze and WASH THOSE HANDS! We are still here when you need us, we can go to the grocery store for you, pick up prescriptions, talk on the phone or even come sit on your porch and chat, etc. WE ARE HERE...call 330-627-7017. We HOPE to get to make memories with you soon!

With Love and Prayers,

*The Friendship Center Staff and Volunteers*