

Hello friends,

I hope this note finds you healthy, safe, and hopeful. We just want to say thank you for all your support for Marlene's Kaleidoscope. We know that our community and world is going through a lot. We are closely monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and making adjustments to our 2020 events calendar. We are continuing to do everything we can to bring awareness and ensure support to Lupus warriors and families. We know that our Warriors need to be as safe as possible from the virus. Lupus patients are at higher risk, so we need to be especially vigilant in reducing the potential for exposure of COVID-19 in this critical time. We also want to limit the exposure to and further spread of illnesses among our dedicated community of donors and supporters. Marlene's Kaleidoscope has canceled, and/or making other adjustments to any event where we anticipate ten or more attendees until the Coronavirus outbreak is under control.

**We will get through this.** If any Community can rise to the challenge, it's the greater Kansas City. We have been responding to crisis and addressing problems that we are having in the world today. Especially with the shortage of the life-saving medicine Plaquenil (name brand) / Hydroxychloroquine (Generic brand) that 90 percent of Lupus patients need to survive.

**Strengthen connections.** Even though we are socially distant during this time, we must remember that we indeed are better together. Supporting the most vulnerable will take support from the whole community. Together we are making a difference, but there is so much more to do.

**Find perspective.** This level of stress is unprecedented, as we work to keep ourselves safe. As Gregory S. Williams said, "On the other side of a storm is the strength that comes from having navigated through it. Raise your sail and begin." Ultimately time will be moving, and before we know it, we will return to a sense of normalcy even though it might not quite look the same. Until then, keep everything in perspective and take care of yourself and those around you.

**Marlene's Kaleidoscope is here for you.** As you well know, you cannot postpone Lupus diagnosis — Lupus doesn't take a break-even during difficult times. We are so very grateful for everyone's continued involvement and support our initiative "Get the conversation Started" here in Kansas City. Thank you for your attention and dedication. Take a deep breath, be safe, and share the kindness.

Sincerely,

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Founder, CEO, Marlene's Kaleidoscope