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Dear Arc Donors, Community Partners and Volunteers,

The Arc Mid-South (TAMS) wants to do our part to ensure better outcomes for our community at large during this unprecedented time. We also know that all of you are doing what you can to protect yourself, your family, friends and our community.

TAMS is closely monitoring the guidance from the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), as well as local government regarding the spread of COVID-19. In light of the recent recommendations from the CDC about limiting gatherings to 10 people or less for the next eight weeks, **TAMS will postpone all events until further notice.**

We will move forward with our 70th Anniversary celebration and our 25th Annual awards and benefit gala in November. During this special landmark, the agency will be producing a Commemorative Tribute Album. I encourage you to take this time to think about a self-advocate, anyone who has made significant contribution in the lives of people with developmental disabilities that you would like to honor in this commemorative book. We are in the process of developing guidelines.

TAMS is being proactive in our response to COVID-19. In adherence to our core values as an organization, please see the following developments related to our business operations and support for our grantee partners. To ensure our uninterrupted operations and support the community, we're taking the following steps:

- **The entire TAMS, starting Monday, March 20** we are suspending our Community participation services and face to face home visits. The safety of our staff and the greater community is our priority. Face-to-face internal and external meetings will be postponed or rescheduled as phone calls or online videoconferencing, where possible.
- **We will be sharing a list of Community Resources.** As you know, during uncertain times, due to school closing, individuals with disabilities have limited income and their families may experience increased food instability and have other needs for their families. We will be working with our grantee partners and will be sharing a list of community resources on our website for our grantee partners and advocate for those who need help.

We appreciate your support and commitment to our Organization. Thank you for your patience as we adapt to this evolving situation together.

Best Regards,

Carlene Leaper
Executive Director