

Dear Friend,

You're simply amazing. In the midst of the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak across our community, and the world, you have truly stepped up to make sure your homeless neighbors have the ongoing shelter and support they need.

And thanks to your generosity, the Arlington Life Shelter is thrilled to finally be so close to moving into our new building! With its completion almost here, we can open our doors to more homeless neighbors — and give them even more tools to thrive in our community.

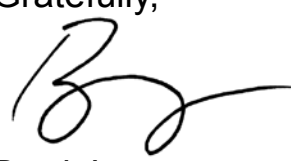
I'm also thrilled to welcome Jim Reeder as the Shelter's Interim Executive Director. Jim served as our capital campaign manager, and we appreciate his leadership at this time, especially as we navigate changes due to COVID-19.

When schools were first closed due to virus concerns this spring, we made the decision to become a 24-hour shelter immediately to accommodate our youngest residents who now had nowhere else to go during the daytime.

Though we planned to make the switch to a 24-hour shelter in June, you made it possible right away through your generous donations.

As we continue down this road of uncertainties, Shelter residents need you now more than ever. Thank you for your support!

Gratefully,



Brad Jay
Board President

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***Our Mission:** To promote self-sufficiency by providing shelter, employment programs and transitional services for North Texans impacted by homelessness.*

You Gave Family Stability to Start Over



James and his sons

After James experienced several financial setbacks in Abilene, a friend offered him and his two sons a place to stay in Arlington. But when that arrangement fell through, friends like you made all the difference for his family.

"It's helping us get through," James said of the support they received after arriving at the Arlington Life Shelter.

James' 12-year-old son, Isaac, has significant health problems that require regular medical attention — James says Shelter staff helped navigate Isaac's doctor appointments and care during their stay.

And because James knew his sons were well taken care of, he was able to focus on skill development classes, finding work and a home.

"Everything you do for us is something we don't have," he said, thanking donors like you.

Rocky Has Fresh Outlook, Thanks to You



Rocky

Last year was especially difficult for Rocky, but the support of friends like you is giving him a fresh, positive outlook for 2020, despite facing new challenges as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.

Rocky says he came to the Arlington Life Shelter after his father passed away a few months ago. Without a job or other family he could count on, Rocky had nowhere else to turn.

Now, Rocky has a housing voucher and will soon move out of the Shelter. With plans for his future falling into place, he's so grateful to donors like you. You've even inspired him to help others in similar situations to his.

"It's been dark for a long time, but now I see the light at the end of the tunnel," he says with gratitude for how far you've helped him come.

Couple Invests in Rebuilding Lives



Dr. Vernon and Lynne Kenner

"I just think there's no greater need in Arlington [than homelessness], and there's no greater way to help the homeless than through the Arlington Life Shelter."

Dr. Vernon and Lynne Kenner have supported the Arlington Life Shelter for more than 10 years now. When they heard about plans for a new building and expansion of the current shelter, they knew they wanted to make an even bigger commitment.

The couple ultimately decided to donate specifically to the Shelter's recent capital campaign and allocated a gift to the creation of the Shelter's new prayer and meditation room.

"We felt that rebuilding lives is one of the best investments," Lynne says, adding "to help others and improve their quality of life."

Thank you, Dr. Vernon and Lynne! Your generosity will truly continue to give hope to countless people in our community.