



March 16, 2020

Dear Friends,

A few days ago we opened the registration to the Southdown Annual Benefit Dinner 2020. As you can imagine, our planning committee has been busy with the final preparations for this exciting community and fundraising event.

Southdown is closely monitoring the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. As the situation continues to rapidly evolve, we continue to take informed actions and follow best practices to limit the spread of COVID-19. While our priority remains the health, safety and well-being of our residents and staff, we are also aware of our role in mitigating the impact of COVID-19.

Therefore, out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to cancel the Southdown Annual Benefit Dinner 2020 as scheduled for May 14, 2020. This decision was based on the recommendations by public health experts for social distancing measures to minimize close contact with others in the community at events such as our Annual Benefit Dinner.

Each year our Annual Benefit Dinner is a blessed event in the life of our organization, as it brings together our friends and benefactors to celebrate the mission and ministry of Southdown and to raise much needed funds for those in need but who are unable to afford the cost of residential services. Yet, as an organization that works in the promotion of health and wellness, it became imperative for us to proactively support the efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19.

And, even though we are not gathering in person this year, we would still encourage you to consider making a donation in support of our important work of emotional, spiritual, and mental healing for Clergy and Vowed Religious who reach out to us in their time of need. We will soon reach out to you again with an invitation to save the date for our Annual Benefit Dinner 2021.

Sincerely,

Rev. Stephan Kappler, Psy.D.
President and Chief Psychologist