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Dear Friends of Los Angeles House of Ruth,

We are reaching out to you today first in the hopes that you and your loved ones are safe and well and getting through this crisis together. During this pandemic crisis, the only way we will be able to get through this is by working together and helping each other.

As you can imagine, the situation for the vulnerable women and children we serve at Los Angeles House of Ruth is very difficult. As we approach Mother's Day, our hearts ache for the mothers we serve here. These women have had enough disorder and struggles in their lives and were on the path to recovery and self-sufficiency when this pandemic stopped many of our efforts in their tracks. Now schools are closed for both the mothers and their children, parents who may have not finished school themselves are trying to help their kids with their schoolwork. We are trying to help encourage social distancing and providing activities to help.

**We are coming to you today because our situation is URGENT as our services are critical to sustaining the most basic and immediate needs of women and children. And as we weather this storm, we know that the number in need in Los Angeles will continue to drastically increase. Unfortunately, at times like these, we also see an increase in domestic violence at an exponential rate and have more calls seeking space in our shelters. About 90% of women who become homeless became homeless due to domestic violence.**

We promise you that we are doing all we can to help in these times but we need your help. Your support will help us provide the little things that are so URGENT for those we serve – diapers for the mothers who live on skid row, school supplies for the kids who are in shelters and trying to do their schoolwork, and extra food to protect the families living in close quarters so that they do not have to leave and risk exposure which would be devastating for the multiple families that live in one house.

**WILL YOU SPONSOR A MOTHER TODAY?**

Such a small amount, makes such a big difference:

- \$25 = school supplies for shelter children
- \$50 = a month of diapers
- \$100 = food for a mother and her 4 children for 2 weeks

We never imagined facing or budgeting for an epidemic like this, so your help is desperately needed to help these mothers and children. Every day, we see the smiles from the families we serve and we know that your support will continue to provide HOPE for our families and make Mother's Day a bit easier to handle this year.

Together, we can continue helping and giving hope to our friends, family and neighbors who are struggling in this very challenging time.

  
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Executive Director