**COVID-19 Preparedness and CHEFS Gala Postponed until October 1st**

Dear Friends,

In response to the outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community, Episcopal Community Services (ECS) is implementing temporary changes to our supportive housing, interim housing, Adult Coordinated Entry, healthy aging, and behavioral health programs to reduce exposure to and transmission of the virus. We are doing so in coordination with the Office of Mayor London Breed and the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

**We are taking these precautions because we value the health and well-being of the people we serve, as well as our employees, supporters, and partners.** We will continue to deliver the critical services our clients depend on.

In addition, we are postponing our 16th Annual CHEFS Gala, originally scheduled for April 30th, until October 1st. We will be reaching out to all Gala sponsors, honorary committee members, and early-bird ticket holders individually to share this news. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our hard-working CHEFS (Conquering Homelessness through Employment in Food Services) students with all of you at the October Gala!

ECS remains San Francisco’s most impactful and comprehensive provider of supportive housing and services for our unhoused neighbors and those with lived experience of homelessness.

**We need your support now more than ever.** These are unprecedented times, particularly for our most vulnerable neighbors. We are grateful to you for being an instrumental and valued part of our vibrant ECS community.

With gratitude,
Beth Stokes
Executive Director