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To Bishop Sullivan Center volunteers, donors, supporters and community members:

It is with a sad heart that I write to tell you that, because of a stage 1 breast cancer diagnosis, I will be cutting my hours for the next few months. I am grateful that my cancer was caught early, and my family and I are very hopeful.

When I am away, Wade Freeman will serve as Interim Director. Wade brings 13 years of leadership experience in a series of not-for-profit human services roles, including President of the Don Bosco Centers. He has also served as a Board member and Board Chairperson of not-for-profit organizations and as a Human Resources executive at information technology and railroad companies.

Wade can be reached at wade.freeman@bishopsullivan.org or (816) 231-0984 X117.

As always, my very capable small but mighty staff of 18 will continue to serve those in need in our community. Thank you to our many volunteers who assist them each and every day as we live out our mission of providing food, jobs and aid in Kansas City. I am very grateful to our staff, volunteers, and others in our community who have already stepped up to provide extra support at this time. I know there will be countless others who come forward to assist, and I thank you in advance for your help.

To our donors, please know that I am ever grateful for your support. Be assured that we have processes and procedures in place to guide our budgeting processes and protect our finances. This includes a CFO, Board Finance Committee, and an annual financial review conducted by an independent CPA.

Our committed Board of Directors, whose guidance and direction supports everything we do at BSC, will continue to provide leadership and support to our decision making. I am thankful for their time, wisdom and the many talents they bring to assist us in carrying out our mission.

Finally, and most important, I ask for your continued prayers as we navigate this unprecedented period at Bishop Sullivan Center. It is through the work of the Holy Spirit that BSC has been able to provide “a hand up” to those in need for 53 years. It is through the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we will persevere today.

With Gratitude,



Michelle Carlstedt
Executive Director