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**PRESS RELEASE**

**St. Anthony's Marks 70 Days Since Modifying Operations  
in Response to COVID-19**

SAN FRANCISCO (May 18, 2020) – **Today marks 70 days since St. Anthony's made modifications to its operations in accordance with public health agency guidance regarding COVID-19.** During these last two months, St. Anthony's has served more than 170,000 meals, provided more than 2,500 clothing kits, housed 22 Winter Shelter guests aged 50+ in a hotel, hosted nearly 150 visits to the Resource Center's supplemental pantry, distributed approximately 70 food boxes, and engaged in nearly 100 case management visits.

**Eight days ahead of San Francisco's March 17th shelter-in-place mandate, St. Anthony's radically altered its programs to help protect the health of its staff, guests, and volunteers.** St. Anthony's Dining Room, Resource Center, Tenderloin Technology Lab, and Free Clothing Program converted to "curbside care" models, providing services from the curbside to keep transmission of COVID-19 at bay. St. Anthony's also immediately suspended its volunteer program to ensure its volunteers were able to stay home and appropriately shelter-in-place. The 60 to 80 dedicated volunteers St. Anthony's relied on daily prior to the pandemic were replaced with staff members across all departments so the non-profit could continue providing resources and, in some cases, ramping up to meet the growing need.

**St. Anthony's work is about more than a meal or an article of clothing, it's also about connection with guests who are often isolated.** Marilyn, a long-time guest of St. Anthony's says, "It's not just about being able to get good food. St. Anthony's also has the best people working for them, who always say hello with a smile and ask me how I am doing. **If St. Anthony's was not here, I would feel lost.** There are other places to go to for help, but they are not the same. **At St. Anthony's they make you feel like you are part of the same family.**" Aaron, another guest of St. Anthony's, chimes in, "I like the Free Clothing Program. I just got a pair of shoes because my old ones had holes. I also like that St. Anthony's has free wifi on the street so I can check my messages. I am waiting to hear back from a job interview."

"We are grateful to have been able to heed the advice of national public health authorities and modify our operations early. This allowed us to continue providing services to the community without interruption. This is not the first crisis this organization has been through. Our 70th anniversary is coming up in October, so we have had practice adapting quickly for decades," explains St. Anthony's Executive



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Director Jose Ramirez. "Our staff was on the front lines before day one of this crisis, providing clothing, resources, meals, and love to the neighborhood. But we need help in this work from donors and the City."

To support St. Anthony's as they continue to provide essential resources during COVID-19, visit: [stanthonysf.org/still-serving-sf](https://stanthonysf.org/still-serving-sf).

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### **About St. Anthony's**

Founded in 1950, St. Anthony's provides food, clothing, medical care, addiction recovery services, access to technology, job training, and other critical resources to the community. Every day we support and are supported by thousands of San Franciscans. Everyone who comes through our doors joins the St. Anthony's family and helps us create a future where all people flourish. Learn more at: [stanthonysf.org](https://stanthonysf.org).

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