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Dear Kids' Country families,

Many of you have already heard that SRVUSD has extended school closures until May 1<sup>st</sup>. Though this is disappointing to all of us, our priority will always be the health and safety of our children, families, staff and community. At this time, we will continue to shelter-in-place that is asked of us by our state and local governments.

We have received a handful of inquiries on whether Kids' Country will provide child care services for essential workers. We have been researching this possibility and looking for guidance from our local health officials and Community Care Licensing, but more importantly we want to continue to align with our school district to ensure that we are doing our part in keeping our community healthy. Kids' Country Board of Directors have not made a final decision on whether we will be providing child care services for essential workers as this is a huge responsibility and holds a lot of concerns not only for the organization but also for the communities we serve.

We will continue with our practice in not billing April or May, until we re-open our doors to all of you. This decision is made so that we do not bill our families incorrectly. However, effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, Kids' Country will no longer have revenue coming in. Our concern and focus right now is caring for our staff. You will be receiving a letter from our Board President, Gary Ware, to seek your support in helping Kids' Country with this cause. We are also looking into all avenues of sustaining the organization until we reopen our doors such as Small Business loans, bank relationships and insurance, etc.

Please feel free to reach out to your Site Directors if you have any additional questions. You can also reach me at [atancioco@kidscountry.org](mailto:atancioco@kidscountry.org).

Kids' Country staff miss you and your children! We look forward to seeing you all once again as soon as this shelter-in-place is lifted.

Stay healthy,

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