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Dear Campers, Dancers, Families and Caregivers—

We find ourselves in a difficult position given the current state of affairs in the world. In response to the COVID—19 crisis we have established an infectious disease review team in order to process the recommendations coming to us by the Department of Human Services and our state and local governments.

We take very seriously the role we play in limiting the spread of COVID-19. Many of our campers and dancers fall into the two highest risk categories: e.g. being over the age of 60 and/or immune compromised. In reviewing the current recommendations and working with our counseling team, we have determined that we cannot provide the supports necessary to keep our campers and dancers safe from infection at this time and have closed our Spring Break Camp Session.

We are following the State of Oregon Guidelines related to limiting groups and gatherings to guide us in making decisions as to when camps and dances may recommence. This is a fluid situation requiring all of us to be flexible in response to changing guidelines and recommendations. Please follow our Website and FB pages for updates.

At this time the schools are closed through the end of April but we know that there is the chance that this closure may be extended. As our dances are held in the cafeteria of a public school, the dances will be cancelled until Salem Public Schools are re-opened.

In terms of camp dates we will be making decisions regarding rescheduling camp sessions based on the current DHS and Oregon State Regulations around acceptable group numbers. In the event of any camp session closures we encourage campers and their caregivers to reschedule camps sessions at a later date in the summer or the fall. Campers and caregivers will be informed of a camp session closure at least one week prior to the first day of the camp session.

Upward Bound appreciates your support of our session closure policy. While we understand closures may cause difficulties and hardships for campers and their caregivers, we feel it's important to be proactive in order to protect those we love and care for.

We encourage you all to follow the recommendations established by our local authorities in order to curb the threat of further infection across the state and to maintain your own health over the next few months. We look forward to seeing you, healthy and happy, at camp soon!

Sincerely,

Diane Turnbull
Executive Director
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