

To Our Wonderful Community,

We are grateful and humbled by the support each of you showed to us last week. Thank you! During times of uncertainty it is important to have things that speak to us of “comfort.” Many of you mentioned that having our bread and treats has made this time feel more “normal.” As members of the community, we intend to do everything in our power to stay open during this time, continuing to provide high quality food for you and your family. To accomplish this, we are doubling down on healthy practices, making a few changes, and initiating a couple of programs.

To allow our staff some down time, and to decrease the frequency of times necessitating social distancing, we are changing our hours. For the next few weeks, as we see how this crisis develops, we will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 6:30am-4pm and Saturdays 6:30am-2pm. In addition to our curb- or car-side service, on those days we will offer delivery, \$3.99 for a minimum order of \$25. Delivery is free for customers over the age of 60.

In addition to actively encouraging our staff to rest, do things to stay healthy, and reduce their vulnerability, we are vigilant about maintaining a sanitized store. We continue to clean everything constantly, including disinfecting all public surfaces at least once an hour. In addition to wearing gloves at all times when handling food, we are washing our hands often and between customers, and wearing gloves when interacting with customers. A friend is making us face masks. We want all of us to stay healthy!

Our commitment extends beyond our staff and their needs. We want the care we feel for each other to flow into our community, and are initiating ways to do that. We have partnered with a grassroots group to deliver lunches to nurses at St. Anthony’s Hospital, and we will do that again. You can express appreciation for someone who belongs to one of the many other essential fields (postal workers, grocery clerks, police, fire, electricians, etc.) and who is being asked to work in the face of this pandemic. When we take your order, the form has an option for you to buy lunch for someone working in an essential field. The lunch box is \$12.00 and includes one of our delicious sandwiches, chips and a fresh-baked cookie. We will deliver these once a week to either a hospital or others that continue to serve all of us during this time. We are also reopening our “Free Loaf Shelf” for those who have lost their income during this challenging time. If you want to buy a loaf for the shelf, please let us know during your purchase. If you need a loaf from the shelf, please come by and we will be happy to get you one.

Some of you have asked how best to support us during this time. Thank you! Please keep coming to the store or placing orders for delivery. During our open hours you can also order through DoorDash, Uber Eats and Postmates. We are introducing **Bread For a Year** cards at \$90 (retail value \$110). Your card entitles you to one loaf of bread of your choice every month for one year. The cards make a great gift for your family, friends and neighbors. Be on the lookout for and participate in other initiatives we may cook up!

We look forward to seeing you during this time and after it is all over.

Thank you,

Rachel & the GH Lakewood Team