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Hearst Center Closes Due to COVID-19

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Hearst Friends,

Amid the recent and ongoing developments around COVID-19 and out of consideration and care for the health of our community and staff, we are closing our building to the public.

The Hearst Center will be closed to the public beginning tomorrow, Tuesday, March 17, until at least April 10.

Spring Break Camp at the Hearst Center is canceled. All registration fees will be refunded. Any scheduled rentals at the Hearst during the closure will receive a credit and an opportunity to reschedule for a future date. Students enrolled in classes and workshops at the Hearst scheduled during the closure will receive a credit or refund.

Staff will on-site and available via email or phone for questions and processing refunds during regular business hours.

As we all take precautions to mitigate the spread of the virus, I expect we'll all be spending more time at home. If you're home with kids, why not use that time to be creative together? Here is an idea I recently ran across that would be a great project for this time together:

How to Record a Great Interview with Your Kid (At Any Age)

And here's an idea from a very creative board member: Why not channel some creative energy into creating a handmade postcard for a family member, friend, or even a stranger currently quarantined at a long-term care center?

Here's a quick demo - it's easy!

Did you know many museums are offering activities, virtual tours and more during closures? Our friends at Midwest Museums started [a list](#) to make them easy to find!

Let's help keep people connected and feeling positive!

Again, for the time being, our staff will be on-site during this closure and we'll be available via email or phone during regular business hours. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

We look forward to welcoming you back to the Hearst soon!

Best,

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