



After much consideration, we have decided that in the interest of public health, **it is our social responsibility to cancel the Lake Run this year.** It was a very difficult decision to make knowing how important this long-standing event is to the community. It is also [Northwest Housing Alternatives'](#) spring fundraiser, which means we are facing a significant loss of funding for our programs.

Proceeds from the Lake Oswego Lake Run go toward providing critical services to the people we serve. Our organization provides affordable housing to people who are most likely to be impacted by the COVID-19 crisis—seniors, people with disabilities, families living on low incomes, and people experiencing homelessness.

Throughout the pandemic, we are working hard to minimize the impact of the outbreak on our residents. We have modified our practices to allow for social distancing, while maintaining services like medication and food delivery to seniors who are isolated. In addition, we will continue to connect families to food resources, especially since many of them rely on school meals to feed their children.

The Annie Ross House family emergency shelter, which is the only shelter for whole families in Clackamas County, remains open. Some families have been moved into motel rooms to ensure safe distance between the families currently staying at the shelter—a necessary step but one that is an additional financial cost for our organization.

We recognize this is a tough time for everyone and **if you have already signed up for the race, we are happy to refund your Lake Run registration. If you are able, we ask you to consider this year's registration a donation to help support those most vulnerable in our community.** If you were hoping to sign up for the run but haven't yet, we humbly ask that you consider [making a donation](#) to our organization in lieu of your registration fee.

We will honor all refund requests for the 2020 Lake Run through May 31, 2020. Email us at LakeRun@nwhousing.org to request a refund.

Thank you for your support and for being part of the Lake Oswego Lake Run. If there is one lesson we've learned over the past few weeks, it's how interconnected we all are. It will take a community to find solutions to both the short-term and long-term impacts of this crisis. Thank you for being part of ours.

Stay home, stay healthy, and stay safe,
The 2020 Lake Run Team and Northwest Housing Alternatives