

# West Coast Va'ad HaChesed

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To the wonderful Baalei Tzedaka of Los Angeles:

In an effort to remain transparent and accountable to our community, we wanted you to understand that we are staying open. In these trying times, Klal Yisrael turns to Tzedaka as one of the surefire ways to inspire *Rachmei Shamayim*. Many of our local recipients heavily depend on the funds they solicit to make yom tov, and are in particular need right now. We have made the decision to remain open because we cannot in good conscience cease the dissemination of charity to those that are most needy – particularly when We ALREADY have the technology in place that should not require any in-person contact with any solicitor.

We recommend you ask the meshulachim who approach you to leave a copy of their teudah at the door or in the mailbox (they all have photocopies for this purpose) and when retrieved you can donate to them through the App.

You can download the app by searching for Vaad Hachessed on the Play Store or App Store. Donors will need to set up an account, fund it and then can distribute funds, much like a DAF. Please feel free to reach out to us via email, or call the Vaad between 7-8pm nightly, if further assistance is needed.

Please further note, you should not be writing checks to the solicitors made payable to the West Coast Vaad Hachessed under any circumstances. We have already clarified that any checks handed to solicitors made out to the West Coast Vaad Hachessed do not reach their destination and are being cashed by third parties for a fee, thus negating your tax deduction. We strongly urge you to create an account with us to facilitate your charitable giving.

We appreciate your understanding, and may the Zechus of the Tzedakah that you are giving serve as a protection for all of us.

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