



Dear Friends and Supporters,

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the imminent closing of Random Acts of Flowers Chicago.

Over the past five years we've been able to deliver moments of kindness and compassion to 150,000 people in local healthcare facilities. In addition to the countless number of individuals who have also received "floral therapy" from our mission, there's no doubt we've positively impacted more than a million people across the Chicagoland area.

Our dedicated volunteers have given countless hours, our floral partners have donated hundreds of thousands of flower stems, and our supporters have given a tremendous amount of their time and treasure. Despite the heroic efforts of many, we just couldn't reach an adequate level of financial sustainability and I can't see a viable path ahead for this branch.

The Random Acts of Flowers team will continue to make meaningful floral deliveries in the coming weeks and make the last official RAF Chicago delivery on **Thursday, December 5th**.

To all our passionate volunteers; I want to simply say *thank you* and offer my sincere appreciation. Your belief in me and our mission coupled with your dedication to helping others is humbling and inspiring. I hope you will stay engaged and help us brighten these wintry days for as many people as possible in the coming weeks.

I also want to express my gratitude by hosting a **RAF Chicago Appreciation Celebration on Thursday, December 5th from 4:00 - 6:00 pm at the RAF Chicago workshop** (2000 Greenleaf Street – Evanston, IL). If you've been a part of this organization at any part during this incredible journey, please accept my invitation to join us as we celebrate all that's been accomplished together.

With the holidays soon upon us, I hope you'll join me in being thankful for all that Random Acts of Flowers Chicago has accomplished. From a simple idea conceived in my wheelchair more than eleven years ago, to thousands of volunteers delivering smiles and recycled flowers with love, you've made me so proud. More than ever, I am convinced we've *nudged the world* in a meaningful and significant way.

When we close the doors for the final time, I have a simple request... think fondly of our time together and carry forward the spirit of Random Acts of Flowers. Find someone who's vulnerable, sad, hurting, nervous, scared or alone – and find a way to deliver them a smile.

It has been an honor to serve our community alongside you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larsen Jay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Larsen Jay
Founder & CEO, Random Acts of Flowers