

## **IMPORTANT UPDATE – 3/23/2020**

### **Short-Term Funds for Families and Staff**

Just because we have to socially isolate doesn't mean we have to shut down. In fact, now is the time to take human connection and compassion up a few notches.

Yesterday our management team and board collaborated on a way to get short-term funds to families or staff who need help with essentials like food and medicine. We agreed to take the donations from this year's Board Appeal and those from our Annual Staff Appeal to create an emergency fund to bridge the gap between now and when Federal funds begin to flow. The purpose of our program will be on crisis/essential support to families and staff.

We all agreed that keeping things simple and acting on trust rather than a complicated application process makes sense. Sue Goddard will be taking calls from families and Barbara Didona will be taking calls from staff. Please feel free to reach out to Sue at [susan.goddard@moorecenter.org](mailto:susan.goddard@moorecenter.org) or Barbara at [Barbara.didona@moorecenter.org](mailto:Barbara.didona@moorecenter.org) if you need some help with food, medicine, or other daily essentials. Within a few days we will be in a position to mail Visa gift cards in \$50 – \$100 increments to those needing our support. We are confident that federal assistance will begin arriving soon and that this "gap" initiative will hopefully help clients, families and staff stay safe and fed.

So yes, we may not be sharing a roof or direct physical contact, but we can still be very much in touch and very much there for each other. So, my suggestion is let's get creative about being in touch with each other. And while we're at it, let's also remember friends and neighbors we've lost touch with, and especially remember folks who are alone under their own roof, or alone in their nursing home room and do a little bit more, because a little bit of effort can often make a really big difference.

Finally, I want to again thank those staff members who have willingly continued serving clients face-to-face. We are all in this together, but you are the essential care-givers and we are all so grateful for all that you are doing.

In the meantime, pick up the phone, call a co-worker or friend, let our clients and families know we care and we are here, send a comforting text, email your friends

who are providing healthcare to those in need and keep the positive energy flowing!

Thanks so much,

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