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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Good day to everyone,

We have received no further positive Covid19 test results as of today.

Given that residents cannot leave their rooms right now, we are looking at options to use our closed-circuit TV channel to increase resident engagement. We have continued to broadcast Mass through this channel and will now start other programs. Robert Ienzi, Recreation, will be starting tomorrow with a broadcast which is 'in development' right now.

We have now been given permission from Ottawa Public Health to have a solo entertainer come into the Gathering Place to perform and we can broadcast this via our internal TV channel. These entertainers will be screened like everyone entering the home and they will have **no** contact with any residents. We are reaching out to our entertainers today to schedule these dates.

We appreciate the suggestions that have been provided for various resident engagement ideas. Please keep providing your ideas and we can determine whether we can implement these in consultation with Public Health.

The Foundation is supporting a number of initiatives for staff. The Foundation has made arrangements for some staff to stay in hotels so that staff are not interacting with their vulnerable family members in their own home, reducing their risk of spreading the virus to their families. Staff are making this personal sacrifice to continue to come to work to support the residents at St. Pat's. They have also provided an RV which one staff member has parked at their home so they can isolate from their family.

Meg Friedman, Executive Director of the Foundation, has also provided buttons for support for the staff.

Stay safe,

Janet Morris
President & CEO

