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Dear St. John's Residents and Family Members,

Approaching Mother's Day, this Sunday, May 10, the sadness and sacrifice caused by the COVID-19 pandemic comes to the forefront once again as our doors remain closed to the public; preventing what would have normally been a full day of visitors coming to St. John's to share this special day with their loved ones. While we all certainly understand the necessary safety precautions that have been put in place to protect our vulnerable senior residents, we also recognize the difficulty in being physically separated from loved ones on this day and **every** day.

To ease this burden, it has been our goal to offer as many opportunities as possible for you to "socially" connect with your loved one while you cannot physically do so. Many of you have had video calls, purchased gifts or flowers to be delivered by our gift shop, or ordered a heartwarming treat through the St. John's Foundation Celebration Gifts program. These "messages of love" have been a lifeline to our residents.

In honor of Mother's Day, we welcome you to continue using the programs already in place to connect with your loved one. Also, we want to make you aware of some additional planned activities to provide engagement and support for St. John's Home residents at this challenging time.

As we shared with you on Monday by email, we are inviting family members to create short videos that they can submit to us for staff-facilitated viewing by their loved ones. Many of you have already submitted videos and we are still accepting them through the end of the day, tomorrow, Thursday, May 7. If you would like to review details on how to create a personal video, submission requirements can be found [here](#).

Despite restrictions in place with respect to large gatherings, our Therapeutic Recreation (TR) Team has figured out how to preserve our annual tradition of Mother's Day Tea. On Mother's Day, the entire TR Team will be on site to visit every neighborhood, bringing tea, sweet treats, a carnation for every mother, and celebratory greetings. Also, a local Girl Scout troop has donated handmade cards that staff will deliver to every mother this weekend.

I want to recognize our many staff members who have volunteered to come in this weekend to ensure that all family-provided gifts are delivered on time, to work extra shifts for their colleagues who will be at home with their own families, and to facilitate the residents' viewing of the submitted Mother's Day videos. Our St. John's team continues to make me proud in how they have come together during this crisis.

On behalf of all of us at St. John's, I wish the special women in your lives "Happy Mother's Day."

Sincerely,

President and CEO

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