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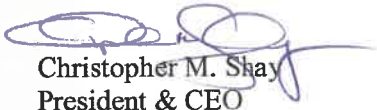
Dear McGuire Memorial Families, Guardians, and Caretakers:

I realize that these are very difficult times for all of you, and being away from your loved ones is particularly difficult for all of you with no physical contact, and no opportunity to visit with your loved ones. It is difficult for all of us and we have come a long way; however, we are not out of the woods yet. Beaver County is still in the RED Phase, and there are still a growing number of new COVID cases each day. McGuire Memorial was amongst the first to react to this pandemic, and we will be amongst the last to relax the very efforts that has kept our children & adults healthy & safe. Our fight against COVID-19 is far from over, and we need to continue our quest in safeguarding the lives entrusted to our care; especially, in a time where there are pressures within society to reopen and get back to business. We are simply NOT there yet, but we will be soon – we just need to weather this storm a little bit longer! I do not have a crystal ball, and I will apologize now because I do not know when this is truly going to end, and what life is going to look like for all of us as we proceed into the immediate future. What I do know is that we are committed to the health, safety, and well-being of each of your loved ones, and we recognize how difficult this must be for each of you. We are doing our best to bridge that gap with “virtual” or “window” visits, and assist our residents in communicating messages of well-being during this difficult time apart. I realize it is “not the same,” and we all must realize that this is a major unprecedented event that has really turned our world upside down.

With all of that said here is the “silver lining:” we have a committed & dedicated staff that is working tirelessly to ensure your loved ones are healthy, happy, and safe. We will continue to do everything necessary to limit & minimize resident exposure to COVID-19 until said time when it is safe to act otherwise. McGuire Memorial is in the process of planning for the eventual transition back to normal operations; however, it is not going to be business as usual for quite some time. There is a lot of planning across the Nation to reopen America again and get back to business as usual. I think it is positive news, and like many we are all eager to get back to some semblance of normalcy. However, we MUST not let our ambitions overshadow the science, data, and statistics that continue to guide this process. Together we are winning this fight, and together we will continue to be successful! We will be successful by proceeding day by day slowly, cautiously, and very conscientiously. Please be assured that we will notify and communicate to all of you any updates/changes in current policy or protocols surrounding restrictions, visitation, and operations due to the COVID-19 crisis.

In closing, thank you for your support, understanding, and trust in McGuire Memorial during this very difficult time. May God continue to bless you and keep all of you healthy & safe! We must keep the **Faith**, and know that like any challenge in life: **“If God brought us to it, He will see us through it!”**

Sincerely,


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