

Dear friend,

Our lives will never be the same. The COVID-19 pandemic is right here in our own backyard. It has affected all of us, family, friends, everyone. I hope that you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy amidst this unprecedented and stressful time.

I have experienced personally how frightening this viral epidemic can be. My son, James, lives in a special needs community for young adults with autism, who cannot fully care for themselves. A member of the community tested positive for COVID-19 and suddenly our world was turned upside down. I am unable to see James as I normally do, to spend time with him, or to help him to understand. I am scared for him and have to place my trust in the professionals who are with him to take care of him. I am so thankful that he has his team and his health right now, but the bottom line is *that this pandemic is personal for every one of us.*

**Now, more than ever, CHP needs your financial support. Your gift of today will help keep our doors open in this imposing time, keeping our patients and clients healthy, and our staff employed.**

At CHP, I have seen firsthand our professionals working around the clock to provide health care and services to our community. Our primary goal continues to be this: keep people healthy and out of the hospital, to do our part to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. The CHP staff has risen up in ways that we could not have imagined, selflessly going to the front lines to see patients in desperate need of our continued care – patients like newborn babies and elderly with diabetes, heart disease, and asthma – even while it puts them at risk. Without them, these individuals may be forced to seek care in the hospital or urgent care settings, putting themselves and the community at greater risk of infection.

**We need your help.**

Our Family Services team has been working in the community tirelessly, *every single day*, providing food to those in need and connecting people with critical lifelines to support services for housing, medical assistance, and in some cases financial assistance.

CHP has responded quickly and adeptly to meet the demands of this challenging and quickly evolving situation. We have adapted our service delivery to telemedicine, drive-by care, tents, home visits, and mobile health visits. But this comes at an extremely high cost. We continue to care for anyone who needs us, regardless of ability to pay or social status. Your financial contribution – no matter the size – will help to offset our new and increasing costs.

Please donate today so that we may keep our doors open, our patients and clients healthy, and our staff employed. We cannot do this without you.

You put the **community** in Community Health Programs.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you.



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