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Dear Friends,

The team at A Wider Circle is continuing to telework, following precautions being taken across the region to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We continue to consult with our Medical Advisor and to pay close attention to the guidance from Governor Hogan of Maryland and Mayor Bowser of Washington, D.C. All three of these individuals are aligned in their assessments of the dangers we face and the best path forward. Because of their guidance, we will continue to work remotely through at least May 15.

We have spoken to more than 4,000 of our clients on the phone since we began remote work, continuing to point them to resources for their health, housing, and food needs. We continue to help our new and existing clients with job preparedness and are also looking at how we can support leaders and organizations that are especially active, such as the heroic health care workers in our midst.

We have sought from the start of this crisis to stay whole, to keep everyone on the payroll - full salary and benefits, full-timers and part-timers - despite the uncertainty of the times. I know how much this means to each team member and their families. I also know it makes a difference for those we serve, allowing our team to stay connected with them throughout this crisis.

If you are looking for a way to support us in this work, there are plenty of ways to get involved. The Virtual Race to End Poverty is going strong, and there is still time to join before the month-long event wraps up on May 16. You can learn more and sign up here.

We are also continuing our Virtual Town Hall Series, focusing on how we can ensure the upcoming recovery is a Recovery for All. The next Town Hall will be on Wednesday, May 13 at 11:00 a.m., and you can learn more here.

Finally, as we work to keep our team whole, and continue to serve those living in the greatest need, your support is critical. A donation today will allow us to stay strong and ensure that we are there for all those we serve.

As events continue to unfold, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns, or ideas you may have.

Wishing you health and safety,

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