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To Our Residents and Family Members:

As we begin our fourth week of battling COVID-19, I know we are all tired, anxious, and sometimes a little depressed. However, our vigilant efforts and sacrifices are going to allow us to win the battle, so hang in there; I can assure you that the Brookside Care Center team is doing everything in their power to keep COVID-19 away!

We continue to receive daily updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WI DHS). It sure seems like we are changing our procedures on a daily basis, just the same, as we learn from the behaviors of this new virus. We are doing our best to keep everyone healthy and safe!

In addition to all the enhanced infection control procedures we have in place like restricted visitation and social distancing, beginning today, each and every one of us is wearing a mask, with our primary goal being to protect our residents. We are very thankful for the generous donations of handmade masks which our non-clinical staff are using at this time so we can save the surgical and N-95 masks for our clinical staff.

In spite of it all, our residents seem to be adjusting quite well, although social distancing has been a bit challenging for resident activities. However, as our Life Enrichment team put their creative minds to task, the following adaptations have been made to popular activities:

- Social distancing bingo involves small groups of residents seated six feet apart with disposable cards (and a better chance at winning a prize!).
- Social distancing crafts this week included washcloth Easter bunnies.
- Daily, in-room movie selections are available from more generous donations of old and new favorites.
- Hallway Happy Hour is served from a hospitality cart with mobile music.

During this Easter season, it has been important to ensure the spiritual needs of our residents are met, so we have been offering in-room Stations of the Cross and daily televised worship services, as well as spiritual communion.

In addition to all these activities, we have been busy connecting residents to family via FaceTime and Skype, something that has also kept me in contact with my parents – we are so grateful for technology! To keep up to date with the happenings at Brookside Care Center, visit our Facebook page. If you'd like to schedule a virtual meeting with your loved one, please email Kathleen.Stich@kenoshacounty.org.

On a different subject, our construction project will finally wrap up with a new parking lot on the east side of our facility. We will begin construction on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, so there will be no parking on the east side through the end of April. Please access the facility through the Willowbrook/Brookside West entrance for laundry exchange or resident drop-off or pick-up. For further laundry arrangements, please contact Jes Taggart at Jes.Taggart@kenoshcounty.org

I cannot thank you all enough for your patience and cooperation. And, as I continue to emphasize, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. **We WILL beat this – we are BROOKSIDE & WILLOWBROOK STRONG!**

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynda Bogdala". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "With gratitude," text.

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