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Friends,

I wanted to take a moment to update you on how The Arc of Atlantic County is working through the COVID-19 pandemic.

In response to this challenge, we have developed, and regularly update, a *Coronavirus Response Plan*. You can find a copy of this plan on our website thearcatlantic.org

While we have had to temporarily close our Adult Day Habilitation Center, our Delilah Road and Tilton Road offices, as well as our Thrift Stores in Egg Harbor Township and Ventnor, these closures have not impacted our ability to provide service and support to the people and families who rely on our work.

I am happy to report that our most crucial services are operating 'business as usual' providing support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. While we have had to adapt our practices, our team of dedicated Direct Support Professionals and Management staff have worked tirelessly to ensure these changes are understood and communicated to the people and families we serve.

In our Residential Programs, we have restricted visitors to our programs, enacted screening protocols for our Direct Support Professionals, and discontinued community outings to ensure the health and well-being of everyone. To help bridge communication, our staff are providing support for people to interact with friends and family by telephone, or through technological means such as Skype, or FaceTime.

Throughout our community, our Supported Living staff continue to provide service to those most in need of appointment-based support.

Our Support Coordination / Case Management staff are using technology to ensure the people they serve continue to receive the support they need in these difficult times.

Like you, we are working through challenges daily, and basing our responses on the guidance of our local, state, and federal officials. As we work through this public health challenge, you can find updates on our progress through our website, and Facebook and Instagram Pages @thearcatlantic.

If you are looking for ways to help us, like many organizations, we are in need of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). If you can help with this or something else, please contact Mary Moyer at (609) 485-0800 ext. 135 or mmoyer@thearcatlantic.org.

Much like you, we are looking forward to the time when we can resume our day-to-day lives. Until that time comes, rest assured, everyone at The Arc of Atlantic County is focused on our mission to improve the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in and around our community.

Please keep yourselves and your loved ones safe, and thank you for believing in, and supporting, the mission of The Arc of Atlantic County.

Warmly,

Scott Hennis
Chief Executive Officer

For people with intellectual and developmental disabilities