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Hi Everyone,

Today's update is short as we have no new major news to share – I only want to send you messages that provide information, updates or ideas! Today, I thought we could consider a few things that we can do during these current times:

To those of you who are working, thank you for your absolute commitment to the individuals we serve and to UCP. Please continue to send your pictures of staff and yourselves along with comments to Emily Hastings at ehastings@ucpcleveland.org!

To those of you who are not working at full capacity or not working at all right now, we need your pictures, too! I will start by offering two! First is of my dog, Sully, and I at my desk at home and the second is my niece's brand new baby boy! Please send your at-home pics along with stories of how you are spending your time! We would love to share them with our clients – they miss you!

We have considered arranging for virtual calls between staff and clients who are both at home. Please let Donna Woods know at dwoods@ucpcleveland.org if you are interested in being on a call with any of the individuals you serve – we will do our best to make the call arrangements.

Also, for those of you who have time on your hands, what ideas might you have to increase your skill set over the next few weeks? How about learning sign language online – you could communicate with and teach clients and you could even educate your coworkers when we return! How about learning a foreign language – you could help the agency to communicate with potential clients who do not speak English!

Let's all make the most of any spare time gifted to us during this next month or so! Have a good evening.

Trish and Leadership Team