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Dear people we support and families,

Thank you! We are just \$1,813.50 away from our **Re-connecting Families** fundraiser goal.

Thanks to your support and sharing, we're so close to our goal of providing each and every one of our residences with a tablet. This tablet is a great resource for the people we support to reconnect with their families and friends, virtually. We have also received a few used tablets, which are currently being prepped for distribution to some of the people we support. Thank you so much for all that you're doing to help re-connect the people we support with the people who matter most to them.

As you know, we have two staff members who have tested positive for COVID-19. These two staff members were working at the same location. We are grateful to report, that six additional staff members from this location have received negative test results. We are awaiting on one more result from this location.

To date, 21 staff members and 7 people we support have been tested for COVID-19. Some of those 21 staff members have been working in Long Term Care facilities, or at other employers that have required testing regardless of symptoms. We are currently aware of 7 staff members with outstanding results, as well as two people we support who were tested over the weekend.

Yesterday, the Government of Ontario announced that Long Term Care workers are being limited to one location. In the coming days, we will be taking similar actions with our staff in an effort to limit risk of exposure to the people we support. This includes asking staff to limit themselves to one employer. These steps will help us assess our scheduling for staff, and plan for appropriate support levels at every one of our residences. We will also be able to better develop a backup team, should staff become ill or need prolonged time off.

At present, all previous suspensions to service and access remain in effect.

We can't thank the people we support and our families enough, for all of your generosity, understanding and support through these uncertain times.

We will continue to keep you informed of any new developments, and you can read the latest at: clgw.ca/covid19

Regards,


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