Dear Rose:

We hope that you, your family and our fellow Chamber members are faring well during this challenging time. We are reaching out to you to provide you with an update, as we continue face the difficult challenge of responding to the Coronavirus at Green Chimneys.

Keeping our children, staff, animals, volunteers, and communities safe is our top priority. Our special population of children, many of whom reside in our residential treatment center, along with our animal partners who reside on our farm and wildlife center, provide unique challenges as we work to ensure the safety of our residents and our staff.

Currently, our school, campuses, and public programs are closed. Most of the staff is working remotely, while our teachers are assisting with distance learning. For the students who remain on campus in our residential treatment center, our teams from various departments are working to provide effective programming that reinforces their therapeutic goals while skillfully enforcing social-distancing. Support services staff provides clean environments, nutritious meals and medical support as needed, in addition to screening all staff before every shift for possible symptoms or exposure.

Clinical staff is in contact with families of both day students and residents who have returned home, providing support, advice and therapeutic counseling via phone and video conferencing. Meanwhile, our farm and wildlife center staff is keeping our animals fed, exercised and safe, and keeping our barns and paddocks cleaned and maintained to Green Chimneys highest standards. We are also fortunate to have a dedicated team of professionals who enable us to continue our important work during this unprecedented time.

We are grateful that we have a wonderful Chamber of Commerce that has supported our community. Green Chimneys is a strong organization that can continue to operate efficiently and effectively amidst a global pandemic. None of this would be possible without your commitment to our local community. Again, thank you!

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