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Dear CISV New York Community:

Over the past several weeks, we've all experienced an unprecedented and rapidly evolving change in the way that we interact. For many of us, our worlds have become very small, perhaps only as large as the square footage of our homes.

We have a **new virtual initiative** to help make your world a bit bigger, **Dinnerchange**, modeled after our longstanding Interchange program. Dinnerchange is a way to bring families from near and far together to share a meal, virtually. **Scroll down to see more details**, plus fill out a survey and we'll pair you with a family.

Our **Junior Branch** is working on new projects to bring CISV to your family, involving **local CISV community** as well as connecting with **international CISV chapters**. Stay tuned. Meanwhile, below is a list of CISV **energizers and lullabies**.

I also want to **acknowledge those who don't have the luxury of staying home** — those deemed essential workers as well as those working in the medical field (see Spotlight below); those who have fallen ill and those who have family members who are ill; and those who have lost employment. These are all members of our community in CISV New York, and **we stand with each of you**.

Please donate to the Food Bank of New York City for their COVID-19 Relief fund if you can afford to.

Jenevieve Goldman
CISV New York Chapter President

ALUMNI AND VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT!



CISV NY Hero Becomes National Hero: A Conversation with Mosaic Director Alanna Badgley

Mosaic Faces of New York leader Alanna Badgley directs our free CISV New York residential summer program for 11 and 12 year olds, and is a **CISV NY board member**. Since the outbreak of Covid-19, Alanna has been on the frontlines of the medical response as a paramedic, and is featured in the cover story of *Time* magazine, **"We Won't Let Him Die in Our Ambulance.' A Day With a Paramedic Facing the Coronavirus Pandemic."**

As our local hero becomes a national hero, **CISV NY Junior Branch board member**

Jack Crovitz interviewed Alanna about her vital work and how CISV values make a difference in a crisis. This interview was edited for brevity.

Jack: So, where were you when you found out you were on the Time magazine cover?

Alanna: I was at work, sitting in the ambulance when I figured it out. I don't use social media and I don't like to put myself out there like that, but this isn't really about me: the story is for all of the EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians) and paramedics who are out there on the frontlines. I'm grateful that I was able to be a voice and represent everyone.

Before the pandemic, EMTs were not often getting seen by the general public for the work and the service that we provide to our communities. So it was really important for me to be given this opportunity. The reporter reached out through our union, and then we did an interview and she asked to ride along with me for a day.

JC: How did you get involved in CISV?

AB: It was actually because of my work as an EMT! Back in 2014, a nurse I worked with in the emergency room said that the campsite next to her house was hiring an EMT, and was I interested. I thought it sounded fun. The camp was Mosaic Faces of New York, and that's how I found out about CISV.

While there, I didn't have many medical issues to attend to, so the director at the time invited me to come inside and be part of everything in the very "CISV way." I got involved and I just fell in love. The following year they asked me to come back, and without hesitation I said yes. Ever since I've been either co-directing or directing Mosaic.

JC: In CISV we try to improve kids' capacity to cooperate and understand each other. How does that relate to your work as a paramedic?

AB: Cooperation is huge in the EMS field. You have to be able to work with your partner, but you are also working with other agencies, police officers, firefighters, nurses, and doctors. We have to make sure that there's nothing lost in translation and that we're getting all the information we need so that the full picture is brought to the hospital.

JC: How has the pandemic affected your life?
READ MORE of Jack's interview with Alanna !



Above: Mosaic Faces of New York Camp with director Alanna Badgley, right, in chair.

*****CALLING ALL CISV New York ALUMNI!!!*****

We are planning a reunion in 2021 and would love to include you. Please send your name, email, CISV NY program, delegation member names, and program year to newyork@cisvusa.org. We will be in touch with the reunion info!

**We Are Still a
Community
by the Junior Board**

[please note: photo from pre-social distancing times].

CISV is usually focused on being together, both physically and emotionally. That's why we have mini camps, host in-person



activities, and send kids around the world together. However, that's also why the COVID-19 outbreak, and the self-quarantining that many of us are doing, is so hard for our chapter—especially since we had to cancel the spring mini camp.

But, even though we might not be physically together, we are still a community. No matter how new your family is to the chapter, we have you all in our minds and in our hearts. Since we didn't get to have a spring mini camp, here are links to some fun CISV songs and activities to do with your families:

Lullabies--At every CISV camp we have lullabies every night, where we all sing together before going to sleep. Here are some classic CISV songs for you and your family to listen to:

[Leaving on a Jetplane](#) / [Let It Be](#) / [Imagine](#) / [Don't Worry, Be Happy](#) / [I'm Yours](#) / [Wonderwall](#) / [Bomfiara \(CISV version\)](#) / [The CISV Song](#)

Energizers—Before every CISV activity, we do “energizers” to get ready. Energizers are a central part of any CISV camp, and here are some for you and your family:

We hope you all stay healthy and well, and **feel free to reach out to us for anything at all.**

CISV NY Governance Committee: Bylaws by Joe Jarencio

During our CISV NY annual **Chapter Development Meeting** in Jan 2020, we agreed to form a Governance Committee. Our first task has been to review the current CISV NY **chapter bylaws**. "Bylaws establish the specific rules of guidance by which the group is to function." The team involves current board members: **Julie Harrison, Lauren Iossa, Jim Donegan** and **Joe Jarencio**. As we continue to review, our main goal will be to help the chapter function efficiently and adapt to changing times.



Be our guest.

CISV has always been about community. When people from across the world find themselves reunited as a family unit, what better way to continue our purpose of building global friendship than **sharing a meal, virtually**.

We present to you, **Dinnerchange**. Modeled after our longstanding Interchange program, Dinnerchange is a way to make new relationships or strengthen existing ones, from home.



Here's how it works: (click [here](#) download the above invitation)

Ask a family you know to join you for a meal, maybe your peers from CISV programs past, or fill out our survey to be matched with new friends! Pick a time to dine, any meal will do. **Set up a video call on a laptop, and ring the dinner bell.**

Download our **template** for conversation, inviting you all to discuss CISV memories, family stories, and the greatest conduit of culture, food! Fill out our **survey** if you want to participate.

A dinner party isn't revolutionary, but we want to give you permission to come together and **create new memories** over a shared virtual table.

We only ask that you save us a seat, and give us all a chance to see how it went by **sharing your screenshots, recipes, and experiences with us!** We are hungry just thinking about it.

Your table is only as small as you make it!

Schedule of Events
Keep breathing
Contact friends and family
Stay at home, if possible!

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