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Dear Parents, Guardians and Stakeholders:

Thank you for taking the time to reach out to your legislators yesterday and for taking action again today. As of 2:00 today over 900 letters were sent to Governor Baker, Speaker Robert DeLeo and Senate President Karen Spilka regarding hazard pay for our direct support professionals. This advocacy is crucial in making sure our staff get what they deserve in terms of pay during this difficult time.

We have been busy preparing for the weekend. We have equipped our runners with extra supplies in the event a house needs items.

Our primary focus in the coming days will be advocating for hazard pay funding for our staff. We are currently paying differentials for staff working in homes that are high need – meaning that someone served in the home has tested positive for COVID-19. This is a huge expense and our staff deserve every nickel of it. We are not funded to do it and are spending money our funding sources simply don't provide. Our staff deserve hazard pay and we need your advocacy in this area.

We hope everyone gets some rest this weekend. We continue to need the same supplies and are grateful for the donations that continue to come in.

Our most urgent needs continue to be N95 and KN95 masks as well as gowns. We also continue to need:

- Cleaning Supplies
- Antibacterial Liquid Soap
- Disinfectant Sprays
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels or Microfiber cloths

Thank you for sending in the "Staff Shout Outs". They really mean a lot to our direct care professionals. You can submit a shout out by visiting <a href="https://www.amegoinc.org/staff-shout-outs/">https://www.amegoinc.org/staff-shout-outs/</a>.

We are looking forward to next week's ZOOM stakeholder meeting on Wed at 5pm. Please forward questions ahead of time to <a href="mailto:Contact@amegoinc.org">Contact@amegoinc.org</a>.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://amegoinc.zoom.us/j/746397376

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Thank you,

President and Chief Executive Officer