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## **Essential** *adjective*

es-sen-tial | \ i-'sen(t)-shəl

**Definition of *essential*:** of the utmost importance : BASIC, INDISPENSABLE, NECESSARY

Each and every member of Home Health Foundation is an *essential* part of our team, for our patients and the communities we serve.

All of us are healthcare workers, both during the pandemic and *every day*. While we will continue to publicly acknowledge each area of the organization on your “official or national” day of recognition, we will also begin to highlight one department or service area each week. Take time to read about other areas of the organization to learn how they support the compassionate care we provide each day.

Thank you to each of you for doing your part to provide unparalleled support to those we serve.

## **Letter to your Loved Ones**

*Please share this message with your loved ones, from President and CEO Karen Gomes*

Dear Home Health Foundation Family Member,

Last month, I wrote to thank you. Because your loved one is a crucial member of our Home Health Foundation team, I recognize that much has also been asked of you during this extraordinary time of challenge in protecting patients and the entire community against COVID-19.

Today I’m reaching out for a fun reason. I’m looking for help in bragging about your loved one’s essential service!

Whether they are working in the office or in the field, each of our professionals is a healthcare hero in their own right. Please email photos, signs and videos of support to [info@homehealthfoundation.org](mailto:info@homehealthfoundation.org) so we may celebrate their unique contributions to our organization.

Be sure to follow Home Health Foundation on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/HomeHealthVNAandMerrimackValleyHospice/>. Just as Megan

Miller explains at <https://bit.ly/2TpuwG7> why her mom, Clinical Director of High Pointe House and Hospice Admissions Linda Miller, has inspired her to become a nurse, we want to tell our team members all the ways in which #YouAreEssential.

Thank you for your critical support during this unprecedented time in history, which in turn has enabled our team's exceptional care to patients and one another.

Be well,

*Karen Gomes*

Karen Gomes, RN, MS, CPHQ

President and CEO

Home Health Foundation

## Staff Resources and Programs

- Visit our [Staff Resource](#) page today to find all of the great deals and benefits that our community is offering you! You may also access the page by clicking on "Employee Resources" in the navigation bar on our homepage.
- To recognize a colleague for their hard work, nominate an employee who you feel deserves this recognition based on the RISEHI characteristics they demonstrate, especially during these unprecedented times. Multiple winners will be selected so don't delay, [nominate a colleague or leader today!](#)
- Share your thoughts, connect with colleagues, learn new ways to manage stress or read your colleagues' stories at our new [Wellness and Support](#) page on Workplace!
- Our Employee Assistance Program is here to help you during this difficult time. Go to their [COVID-19 Resource Center](#) to help you and your family members.