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Dear friends,

As Children's Aid Society of Toronto navigates these unprecedented circumstances, I wanted to take a moment to keep you informed on how we are remaining fully operational during the COVID-19 pandemic. Maintaining the well-being and safety of the children, youth and families that we serve, as well as our staff, community partners, volunteers and foster families, remains our priority and we are taking numerous proactive measures to minimize virus transmission.

As shared by the Ontario government this week, we are a pandemic essential service and we continue to serve our community while practicing physical distancing as directed by Public Health. While the majority of our programs are being carried out remotely, we remain open 24/7 to handle reports of child abuse and neglect, and our workers are still present for clients and we continue to support foster families. Please continue to follow our social handles ([Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#)) and check our [website](#) for the latest information about our services.

Through these trying times, we have also been working tirelessly with our social service and health partners to ensure families have access to the resources they require. Thank you to all community members who are stepping up to offer your assistance. Your support continues to motivate our teams as we uphold our mandate to create a city where children are safe, families are strong and communities are supported.

In closing, I am reminded of a quote from Margaret Mead, shared often by our Director of Diversity and Inclusion – “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

On behalf of everyone at CAS of Toronto, hoping you stay safe and healthy.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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