

NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT IN THE FACE OF COVID-19



In the midst of a worldwide crisis, the magnitude of the situation feels heavy and out of our control. What we can control is how we respond and reach out to help. As Gladney Families, Friends, and Staff, we can think of individual people who are directly impacted, show them kindness, and offer hope. We invite you to take a moment to write a note of encouragement, or make a video to send to someone who needs to hear from you today. If you have children, involve them in drawing pictures, writing notes, and making videos too!

BEFORE YOU GET STARTED, HERE ARE A FEW GUIDELINES:

- In your note, video, or message, please only use or sign first names.
- Due to COVID-19 and handling concerns, we'd like to request that you e-mail scanned or photographed images of your notes, or send videos or e-mail messages for us to pass along.
- Please keep in mind that we want to provide emotional support to people from a wide range of social and religious backgrounds.

MEDICAL STAFF

Medical staff at hospitals and clinics are stretched thin and are selflessly putting their health and well-being on the line for others.

HOSPITAL SOCIAL WORKERS

Fewer people can access hospitals, leaving the care for birth parents and children increasingly on their shoulders.

FRONTLINE WORKERS

Whether food service, housekeeping, or hospital maintenance staff, these people keep things running in the midst of crisis.

EXPECTANT AND BIRTH PARENTS

Expectant parents are still making adoption plans and having babies. This crisis only adds to the multiple crises they may already be facing.

*“ Thank you
I believe in you
You are heroic
You are caring
This will pass
You are cared for
Life saver
Family is forever
Your story matters*

ADOPTIVE PARENTS

Because of social distancing, home studies have been delayed, and adoption placements have to look different previously expected.

COMMUNITY LEADERS

Local and state leaders are facing a crisis in their communities. These leaders are spending their time and energy protecting citizens.

FIRST RESPONDERS

Police, firefighters, EMTs, and National Guard volunteers are risking their health and well-being to ensure it for the communities they serve.

GLADNEY STAFF

Regardless of shelter-in-place orders, birth parent caseworkers and Gladney Home staff are continuing their work with their clients.

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES WORKERS

Even during a pandemic, CPS workers are in homes working to protect and advocate for children in hard places.

GLADNEY HOME RESIDENTS

The teenage girls in foster care living in the Gladney Home are home schooling, away from their friends, and feeling anxious and worried.

You can send e-mails, videos and video links, or scanned and photographed images of your notes to susanne.smith@gladney.org.

Thank you for not only having a compassionate heart, but for also putting your compassion into action. You are making a difference.