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Dear SLO Community,

These are difficult times for all of us and devastating for some.

Usually when I write to you, I tell you about the great things HSLO has accomplished to support those near the end of life and the people who love them. Or I ask for your support, or time.

Although individual and corporate support is critically important to the thousands of people we serve, I want to talk about none of that today. Because as important as I know the HSLO mission is, now is a time we all must take care of our own families.

Now is a time to concern ourselves first and foremost with our own health and safety, and to support our parents, children, siblings, neighbors and friends.

You can be assured that the work of Hospice SLO County is continuing. That's because our community is made up of compassionate, caring people. I know that no matter what – we will get through this together.

Hospice SLO County staff and volunteers continue to serve this community and our phones continue to be answered during regular office hours.

- Our in-home volunteers will support clients through consistent telephonic or virtual support.
- Our care management team will continue to assist families in connecting to resources.
- Our individual grief counseling and support groups will transition to telephonic and virtual meetings to insure safe physical distance for all concerned.

I will be in touch again soon to bring you up to date on what's happening with Hospice SLO County. But for now, please take care of yourself and those you hold dear.

With Gratitude,



Kris Kington-Barker
Executive Director

P.S. — If I can be of help to you in any way, please let me know. I can always be reached at kriskington@hospiceslo.org or 805-544-2266.

