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Dear Beatitudes Community,

It's easy to forget what Memorial Day actually means. Unlike Memorial Day 2020, when we couldn't visit family and friends, we have a choice this year and can contemplate how to safely visit and celebrate the holiday. We also have an opportunity to think about the true meaning of the holiday.

Throughout the three-day weekend, we can pay homage to the brave men and women who gave their lives defending our nation, strengthening America and helping spread freedom across the globe. I invite you to join me — wherever you are and whatever you are doing — to contemplate the cost of our freedom, and to remember, honor and celebrate the great heroes who laid down their lives so that you and I can remain free.

The residents and staff at Beatitudes Campus are becoming more engaged now that many restrictions are being lifted. It is heartwarming and gratifying to see residents and staff walking around campus, greeting each other. More and more residents are becoming comfortable joining their favorite group or activity, particularly as we thoughtfully keep safety protocols in place, such as masking when appropriate and keeping social distancing.

We know that vaccines are a critical public health tool. How well they work depends upon how many people receive them. We are seeing a positive trajectory in vaccination rates. In Arizona, 45 percent of those eligible have received the vaccine. At Beatitudes Campus, more than 90 percent of our residents and a majority of our staff are fully vaccinated. We continue to encourage our Beatitudes community — residents, family, staff, visitors — to get the vaccine. It takes all of us to keep us safe. Being unvaccinated puts you at risk for infection and allows COVID-19 to continue to spread in our community. We are launching a vaccine education program in the next few weeks to help people overcome fears and share common concerns among those who are vaccine hesitant. We will engage our own health professionals who will hold small group meetings and will hear messages from an emergency room physician who has cared for countless Arizonans who have been hospitalized with COVID-19.

As we head into the Memorial Day weekend, we are pleased to report that Beatitudes Campus has no individuals with COVID-19. We are very grateful for the part that everyone is playing in keeping the campus safe.

Stay well. Stay safe.

My best,



Michelle Just, President and CEO

