

## Message from Alex Gabbi, Executive Director, MBA

These are extraordinary times. COVID-19 represents a health crisis unlike anything we have ever experienced, and the families we serve represent those who are most vulnerable to COVID-19, as many of them have parents who are immunocompromised. Wonders & Worries stands by ready to serve our community in these times of great need.

Our team of child life specialists has worked tirelessly to ensure that we are able to provide the support our families need without placing them at additional health risk. We are extending our national helpline (844-WE-WONDER) hours to Monday-Thursday from 10:00-4:00 PM CST. For the first time ever, we are offering virtual support with certified child life specialists via video-to children and teenagers 5-18, as well as guiding parents in facilitating in-home sessions for children ages 2-18. These new services will allow us to provide continuity of care to existing clients, while continuing to accept referrals for new clients.

In the coming days and months, we will face many challenges, but I know our community will come together to overcome this crisis.

You can help ensure that all those in need are able to receive our support by providing donations to underwrite the cost of operations, therapy kits for shipment to families, and technology-based solutions for virtual support.

We are stronger, together.

Sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to read 'Alex Gabbi', with a stylized, flowing script.

Alex Gabbi, Executive Director