

**CEO Update**  
**Thankful for You**

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As Thanksgiving approaches, I think about my recent conversations with member CEOs in some of the states hardest hit by COVID-19—the battle fatigue, the never-ending vigilance required, the difficult choices. And yet, they persist.

I am grateful that despite a pandemic that is more severe and relentless than we thought it would be, that you persist in your mission to bring hope and healing to people. I'm grateful for your leadership, grace and courage at a time when it's needed now more than ever.

I'm also grateful for the Front Line Heroes in Lutheran social ministry. We highlight a Front Line Hero from our member organizations each day and have compiled our fall stories into a [digital booklet](#). Also check out the stories from our summer edition and a short video honoring Front Line Heroes. And please share your Front Line Hero stories with me so we can highlight them in the future.

I am grateful for the light you shine in the world--and for God's promise that "the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5).

Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving,



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