

From:

Mark Whitley

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All Associates

Subject:

Happy Holidays

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Dear Associates,

As 2020 comes to a close, I would like to thank you for your extraordinary efforts throughout the year. Your commitment to the nearly 13,000 individuals we serve and their families is remarkable, and I'm so proud and thankful to you.

In no way has this year been easy. Each of us is striving to balance family, work and the needs of our program participants while simultaneously navigating new realities, maintaining our health, managing setbacks and even profound loss. All of this, while maintaining a safe social distance, wearing a mask and keeping our hands washed.

Through it all, fueled by your passion and our shared purpose, you've helped ESSC remain a strong, steady and responsive organization amidst this pandemic. Your creativity and resourcefulness are exceptional. Your hard work allows us to continue to fulfill our mission to make a profound, positive difference in people's lives every day.

I'm welcoming 2021 with a true sense of great hope, cautious optimism and continued resilience. The light is certainly glowing at the end of this long tunnel. I feel confident in the direction we are heading in 2021. Let's forge ahead, together, in the light of a New Year. We will get through this.

Please enjoy this heartfelt video from some of our young (and quite talented!) Child Development Services participants.



This holiday season, I wish you and your families my very best, filled with health and happiness.

Sincerely,

Mark

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