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GREETINGS FROM CONTACT'S NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello everyone, I am delighted to be joining all of the volunteers, donors and clients of CONTACT Cape-Atlantic. Thank you for your welcoming support and thank you very much for continuing to give service during these challenging times. While I am excited about serving as your new director, I acknowledge the fears we may be facing, our individual losses and of course the shared hope that we can soon return to ordinary life.

During this COVID-19 crisis, CONTACT Cape-Atlantic volunteers started making reassurance calls from their homes and began screening for signs and symptoms of respiratory illness to include shortness of breath, cough, fever, and chest pains/pressureandrecommending clients contact their primary care physician if they are symptomatic. Shayna Patel, our reassurance and marketing coordinator has added considerable value by providing follow up calls to almost everyone.

We have seen an increase in the number of clients requesting services and are actively responding to family members of people in nursing homes who are feeling isolated because their families are not permitted to visit. Thank you to the volunteers for stepping up and going the extra mile to ensure the clients are all safe and well stocked with supplies and that their needs are met. You are taking extra shifts when needed and we have also been fortunate to welcome new volunteers! I hope your work has also enriched your lives and your personal feeling of wellbeing is elevated because you are providing such a meaningful service. I completed training and made calls in my first week of work which truly gave me a full understanding of the value of our mission.

Please spread the word and offer free telephone reassurance calls to others, especially at this time. Please reach out to me if you would like. You can reach me at contact-c-a@comcast.net

Be well, Mary Jo Bernardo



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Mr. Bratton is frequent speaker and educator and is actively involved with the Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter. He is committed to serving the senior population and advocating for them during their journey through the elder care continuum.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT PATTI SMITH

I am so proud to be President of CONTACT Cape-Atlantic at this moment. It is now, more than ever, that we really see the true importance of what we do every day with our reassurance calls to those who are home alone. Our wonderful volunteers are there to reassure our clients that we are here to support each other and to see if there needs are met each day.

Our volunteers are asking our clients about symptoms of COVD-19 as well as reassuring them that we will get through this difficult time. This is a scary time for all of us. Personally, I am very lucky. I have great family support and my husband, Len, next to me, to get through each day. Emotionally, with all of the support, it is still tough to stay positive and move forward. CONTACT helps me stay focused and take each day, one at a time.

I am also very worried about our financial stability. We have cancelled and postponed our fundraising events for this spring, which is what supports CONTACT through the year. Our postponed dates are still waiting for government ok's to move forward but you have my guarantee that our services will continue. We need all of your support now to make sure we can continue to meet our mission goals and continue to make our daily calls.

Please think of CONTACT today and support us through your donations. Len and I will be donating \$1000 to start this appeal and show our commitment to CONTACT Cape-Atlantic. Our new Executive Director, Mary Jo Bernardo, is an experienced and strong leader to navigate our way through the next few months and possibly the next few years of social distancing. Shayna Patel, our Reassurance Coordinator, is talking to our volunteers and clients each day to make sure everyone's needs are met. We will all get through this, together, one call at a time. Lastly, I send a big thank you to all of our volunteers, for all you do each day. You are all wonderful and are so appreciated!!

Patti Smith

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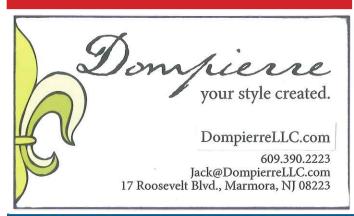


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