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When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves. ~Viktor Frankl

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LETTER FROM THE **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



There will never be another year like 2020 and all things considered, St. Gerard House remains a beacon of hope for many families. I've never seen a group of people work so hard in my life. Everyone from the Board of Directors to the staff rolled up their sleeves and made things happen. Seeing the dedication of the team working with the kids brightened up my darkest days and

highlighted what was really important - enhancing the lives of those around us.

Just like the Viktor Frankl quote on the cover, our amazing team never stopped serving families and found new ways each week to break through the hurdles of COVID 19. We reinvented our service delivery at least four times with creative passion and resilience. Kids were making significant gains and St. Gerard House continued to grow!

Thank you for showing up for us and believing in the work we do. We all had many ups and downs, and 2020 ended on a high note thanks to the generosity of our faithful donors, private foundations and granted relief money. Our mission stood the test of a global pandemic and we are still on track to expand our facilities to address the growing need for autism services in WNC.

We have missed seeing everyone but we feel your presence. We are here because of you and hope you stay safe and well.

With Heartfelt Gratitude.

Caroline Long



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