



A Note from our CEO

July 7, 2020

Back in May, I announced that Chartwell was one of the founding partners of the new Senior Living CaRES Fund (“CaRES” or “the Fund”). Born from the idea of Karen Sullivan, our President and Chief Operating Officer, the Fund was launched in appreciation of the heroic efforts of staff in the retirement and long term care sector during the COVID-19 pandemic. Available to all Canadian employees in the sector, CaRES offers one-time financial grants of up to \$10,000 for urgent financial need.

The Fund has received over 1,200 applications so far, many of which have spoken to the tremendous sacrifices made as a result of COVID-19, like moving out of their home to reduce risk to vulnerable family members, homeschooling children while balancing work, and becoming the primary provider for their family when a spouse was laid-off.

To date, CaRES has provided more than \$1.8 million in emergency financial assistance to over 400 employees in the senior living sector, including several Chartwell employees. At this time, the Fund is being administered by a group of dedicated volunteers from the four founding companies – Chartwell, Revera, Extendicare and Sienna. I am very grateful to these individuals for their efforts and commitment to this cause.

Given the success of the application and granting process, the CaRES team is starting an outreach program to obtain new partners to grow the endowment and are also working toward achieving charitable status so CaRES can grow and continue to support employees in the years to come. I am pleased that the Fund has also launched a dedicated French language website www.fondscares.ca to provide easier access to its resources for retirement and long term care sector employees in Quebec.

It is truly humbling to see the commitment of employees in all retirement and long term care residences across Canada, despite the risks, to care for someone else’s loved one. This is our collective thank you as a sector.

I invite you to learn more about Senior Living CaRES at www.seniorlivingcares.ca and for those of you residing in Quebec at www.fondscares.ca.

Vlad Volodarski
Chief Executive Officer