**May 2021**

 **Executive Directors Report**

**Community Outreach Efforts:**

RRCI received over 300 donated hygiene supplies from members of the St. George business community through the efforts of Chamber Serves. These supplies have been utilized in various consumer hygiene classes throughout our service areas. We were also featured in a video interview spotlight posted on the Chamber’s social media.

Ashley, (our outreach and resource development coordinator) and I have a goal to focus on cultivating a stronger relationship with current and past donors. We have worked out an action plan to identify donors and make personalized contacts through calls, letters, postcards, etc. We want to create a stronger connection with our donors and show appreciation to those who have already shown that they support RRCI and our mission.

**Pandemic update:**

Wont it be nice if/when we don’t have to have this category to report on anymore? We might be getting closer. With most of the staff vaccinated and new state recommendations, I have lifted the mask mandate for day-to-day work in the office but will still be requiring masks in vehicles and indoor group activities. Appointments with consumers will be customized to the comfort level of the individual consumer.

**Staff Updates:**

I have started to revamp the training that new staff receive when first joining RRCI. I will be including more specific training about IL history and philosophy, as well as more extensive training on the day to day of what each position within the organization does. I think this will help new employees better understand not only what we do, but why we do it, and give them an understanding of the team as a whole not just their particular position. I’m testing all new training on the current staff and getting their input on what we can be doing better.

**CARES Act funding**:

We were excited to be able to purchase over 800 transparent surgical masks to be used at IHC and the Health Department vaccination distribution points. These special, see through masks will be used to help in communicating with our deaf and hard of hearing community and those who need to see the mouth to better understand what the wearing is saying.

**Friends of RRCI/Land/Building Update**

Despite our best efforts, we were denied the Intermountain Healthcare land grant. Greg and I made it to the last round and were the choice of the committee, but once it got to those higher in the Intermountain organization it was decided to give the land to The Children’s Justice Center, who are the occupants of the land near by and have a lot of political sway.

This is especially disappointing as we have learned that the building our main office is in is being renovated within the next couple of years. This makes finding a new home for RRCI an emerging priority. This would be a challenge under normal circumstances, but with the way things are going in the market right now, it becomes even more daunting.