



April 13, 2020

To our Grapevine Friends,

We have a motto that has caught on at The Grapevine in recent weeks that goes simply, “*Well, here we are*”. It is a way to frame the here and now, to accept and take hold of what is in front of us and move forward.

Things look a lot different this year heading into Spring. We never could have imagined what this season has brought upon us. Isolation and social distance from our friends, family, classmates, teachers, coaches, schools, sports teams, clubs, support groups and more has taken its toll. This change in our way of life has kept us away from people and places that make us strong, healthy and connected. But we have found the silver linings too. Like the way we reach out and support each other, check in on our friends and neighbors to make sure things are okay, run errands for people who can’t risk it, sew face masks for our health care workers, work in new and different ways and offer creative solutions to support pressing needs. *We have risen to the occasion because we are a strong community that lifts each other up.*

I write this to you knowing that our public health crisis has taken its economic toll on our community, like virtually every other area of our country and world. Our Annual Spring Walk for Families event is one of our largest fundraisers and we know it will not look the same this year. Many people are not in a position to give to us at this time. Yet, this event has always been rooted in celebrating families and community and I cannot think of a better time to celebrate than now. So for the first time, our *Annual Spring Walk for Families is going virtual!*

Event Details: What: Walk, run, bike, skateboard, push a stroller or any other fun form of movement (yoga, anyone?) to celebrate The Grapevine and our community! **WEAR YOUR PURPLE!!** **When:** On Saturday, May 9, sometime between the hours of 10 and 2; **Where:** Your own neighborhood, road, driveway, yard, keeping social distance guidelines in mind! We will be “live” on Facebook throughout the morning! Send us some love on social media through our pages on Facebook: facebook.com/grapevინnh.org and Instagram: [@thegrapevinefrc](https://www.instagram.com/thegrapevinefrc). Post a video or photo to our page or post to your own and “tag” the Grapevine! You can also email your videos and photos to: admin@grapevინnh.org and we will share them. **Other ways to support us:** If you wish to make a donation to support our programs and services, we would gratefully accept it. We anticipate significant losses this year due to the COVID-19 crisis, so every bit helps. You can donate online by going to www.grapevინnh.org and clicking on the “Donate” button on the home page or mail a contribution to The Grapevine with “Spring Walk” in the memo line. As always, thank you for your support. The Grapevine wouldn’t be here without you!

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa W. Gallagher".

Melissa Gallagher
Executive Director