



Dear Staff,

This has certainly been a unique and challenging year, but as we find ourselves in the holiday season, it is my pleasure to bring you Christmas greetings on behalf of Sherbrooke's leadership team. We know this Christmas will be different for you and your family, but we hope it is still filled with kindness and generosity.

When I look back at this year, I am amazed at how all of you have gone above and beyond to provide so much love and kindness to our Elders. We have asked a great deal of you since the pandemic arrived in Saskatoon. Whether it was completing the latest infection control education, helping an Elder connect with their family over Skype, or cutting your lunch break short so you could spend five more minutes with an Elder who was feeling down that day, I could not be more proud of the care you have shown.

Your hard work and determination has certainly been noticed. Families have shared many messages of gratitude with us for the care you are providing their loved ones. Sherbrooke volunteers and donors have offered their support and praise of the work you are doing. We even had a Saskatoon neighbourhood host a 'Clang and Bang' event for Sherbrooke where people came out of their houses to bang pots and pans to show their support of care staff!

It's been hard not seeing you as much as I normally would due to the pandemic. I miss seeing you throughout the building, outside with our Elders and of course at staff meetings. I sure look forward to the day when I can hand you a crisp apple as you walk into the cafeteria for a staff meeting!

There will be hard days ahead as we continue facing the challenges posed by Covid-19. What inspires me is knowing how well our community came together in 2020 to care for one another. The pandemic brought out the best at Sherbrooke, and I know that momentum will carry into 2021 when hopefully we will be able to see more of each other.

Thank you for the incredible care you have provided our Elders and each other throughout this year. Your kindness has uplifted the spirits of our Elders in the most challenging of times. May your holiday season be filled with those closest to you, and may God bless you with abundance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suellen Beatty".

Suellen Beatty.  
CEO  
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