



Dear Chapter Presidents and Representatives,

I hope this Friday finds all of you doing well and staying safe. It seems with small steps we are turning the corner in this COVID-19 pandemic.

Based on the responses from last week, I will continue regular updates on what is happening at headquarters, but we will move to an every other week email unless there is urgent news to share with our members. We will also continue to share our small videos until we reach the end. The videos seem to be the biggest hit of the weekly update.

We have good news to share this week. Freedoms Foundation received a payroll protection program loan from the Small Business Administration. This was part of the CARES Act and it will help FFVF fund 8 weeks of salary and utility payments. This is a huge help for the foundation with the postponement of most of our Spring program season.

In other news of note, Eileen, Associate Director of Education, has been busy this week updating the profile and cover photos on all of the Chapter Facebook accounts. Eileen is a pro at Facebook. She is working on updating all the chapter information on Facebook. She may be reaching out to you in the coming weeks, if she has any questions. If you have questions about your Facebook page, please feel free to contact me directly or Eileen at [ecornish@ffvf.org](mailto:ecornish@ffvf.org).

In last week's email, I mentioned that I thought this year's National Awards Program would be one of our biggest in recent memory. I am still a firm believer in that statement. Based on some conversations this week, I want to encourage chapters to nominate those individuals and organizations on the front lines and those going above and beyond to help people in their communities during the pandemic. I know that for some, their efforts might not extend for years of service, but in light of current conditions, I think it's appropriate to nominate them for recognition. Our judges will be instructed to consider those great acts only conducted during the time period of the national crisis.

Finally, I am pleased to share a fifth video this week in our video series. This week's video is on student programs. Please feel free not only to share with your

members, but with your students who will be attending a program this Fall, and their parents.

Students - <https://youtu.be/h4FJ-epNvkQ>

Thank you for continuing to lead during this difficult time. If we can be of any assistance, please call or email. We love hearing from you!

Be safe and stay healthy!

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