



Good morning,

I hope this message finds everyone safe and healthy.

With classrooms across our state quiet, and the 8,500 students we serve now at home, our commitment to foster a love of learning and brighten children's futures has never been stronger. Our leadership team is developing new online learning opportunities designed to keep young minds curious and engaged, implementing a robust schedule of social media initiatives aimed at parents and families, and proactively discussing online lessons to enhance our summer learning program. I want to share with you, our friends and supporters, an update on our progress.

Our new seven-week online program – **SHARP Focus on STEAM** – will begin on April 6 with video instruction that encourages students to explore, create and imagine. The curriculum includes a series of educational videos providing young learners with a wide range of lessons – from science exploration activities, to STEAM-focused/earth-friendly art projects, to Read With Me, a unique opportunity for students to virtually read aloud with local sports figures and community leaders. Although the pathway to reach students has definitely changed, we remain steadfast in our commitment to deliver a curriculum that actively engages students in learning through new ways of creative thinking and problem-solving.



Like those around us, now more than ever we're using social media to further SHARP Literacy's message. We've developed a series of posts focused on education and community outreach opportunities that you'll see on Facebook, Twitter and other platforms. As we migrate our curriculum online, we will utilize these channels to promote our STEAM-based activities and educational videos, as we continue to motivate students in unique and innovative ways.

Although our world continues to spin with challenging news, we want to remind you there's so much light and positivity, as well. Please be sure to join us on Thursday, April 2, to share your family's own uplifting experiences with us on social media. We look forward to hearing about moments when caring and compassion in your lives have made you smile, despite these uncertain times. Please post your photos or 1-minute videos to social media using the hashtag **#SHARPCARES**, so we can feature your uplifting news on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or LinkedIn. In this way, we continue to be one united community.

We greatly appreciate your ongoing support of SHARP Literacy's efforts to bring learning to life for all students.

Please take care of yourselves and your families, and be kind to one another.

Lynda Kohler
President & CEO

NEW DATE! As you may have anticipated, it was necessary to reschedule our May 19 fundraising event, SHARP Unwrapped, to a later date. Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, July 30**, for the 5th annual **SHARP Unwrapped: Cooks & Kids**, a culinary event with Milwaukee's top chefs working in collaboration with students in SHARP's summer program. We will provide you with updates in the coming weeks.
For more event information, visit unwrapped20.givesmart.com