



Dear MOKA Supporter,

This is a very challenging time for our community. We are unable to connect socially in the ways we are used to, some of us have seen loved ones grow sick, many are experiencing economic hardship, and many others experiencing more mental health challenges. Yet we know that a strong focus on gratitude helps our community recover. This is why we chose to share an e-newsletter full of our joy and gratitude!

### **32 Residential Homes have been adopted through MOKA's Adopt A Home Program!**



Many homes have already been blessed with encouraging notes, letters and packages. We are so grateful to everyone who has adopted a home. Please know that you have provided so much joy for the individuals and employees in our homes. I trust that by sharing your notes or gifts, you have also discovered a little joy for yourself.

We have 1 home waiting for adoption, if you are interested in adopting a home by sending letters and care packages please email [adoptahome@moka.org](mailto:adoptahome@moka.org)

## **Wage Advocacy- Thank you! It worked!**



Previously MOKA had reached out and asked you to contact the Governor about supporting a Wage increase for our Direct Support Professionals, and many of you sent letters or made phone calls. On Thursday, Governor Whitmer announced a temporary wage increase for those who provide Medicaid-funded in-home behavioral health and long-term care services to Michigan's most vulnerable residents during the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

We are grateful for this, but we are not stopping our advocacy efforts. Be on the lookout for updates on our website <https://moka.org/advocacy/> as MOKA continues advocacy for a permanent wage increase for our Direct Support Professionals.

## **Community Donations to MOKA**



Early in our pandemic response, we reached out to the community seeking supply donations for our programs, including disinfectants, masks, and thermometers. The community support has been humbling. We are so grateful to everyone who has donated these essential supplies to our homes. While so many have donated, we want to share a special thanks to Irwin Seating and Herman Miller for their donations of facemasks for our residential homes. These came in right as our supplies were getting low.

We thank you for your gifts, your encouragement, and for showing us that you are here for us during this challenging time.

### **Ways to Continue Supporting MOKA.**

- Follow us on Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, and Twitter. Share our posts and help spread the word about MOKA, the amazing individuals we support, and our incredible employees.
- Do you know a family member or friend looking for a job? During this unprecedented high unemployment in Michigan, MOKA is hiring! Apply online at [moka.org/careers](https://moka.org/careers). We are hiring for Residential Support Staff to provide essential services to individuals living in our group homes.
- Make a [donation](#) to support our work. We are experiencing an increase in our costs for supplies, food costs due to added delivery, and many other unexpected consequences of managing through this disruption. If you are fortunate and your employment hasn't been affected during this time, please consider a cash donation.

MOKA is so grateful for all of you. Your support has been unwavering and we are grateful.

MOKA remains committed to providing quality care to the individuals we are blessed to serve. We remain dedicated to our mission of over 40 years, to create opportunities for independence and acceptance in our communities by supporting children and adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tracey A. Hamlet". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tracey Hamlet

Executive Director

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