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In appreciation for your selfless work and dedication during these extraordinary times

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“I am privileged to witness the exceptional work, collaboration, creativity, and commitment of every individual in this organization. My sincere gratitude to each and every one of you.”

As the Dalai Lama reminds us in, The Book of Joy, “The hard times knit us more closely together.”

—Carmen Vega-Barachowitz, CCC-SLP, director, Medical Interpreters, Spiritual Care, and Speech, Language & Swallowing

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Munn Center weekly research article review

Starting today, April 15th, every Wednesday, The Munn Center for Nursing Research will post research articles and abstracts of interest to clinicians caring for COVID-19 patients, families, and co-workers. Articles can be accessed at: www.mghpcs.org/munncenter/research-update.asp. (Click here.)

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