Friends of Atlantic Health System,

Our world has changed considerably over the past few weeks. This rapid and dramatic transformation of our society has created painful situations none of us have ever experienced.

The Heroes of Atlantic Health – our physicians, nurses, technicians, pharmacists, home health aides and team members in engineering, transportation, nutrition and environmental services – now also find themselves in an unprecedented situation.

After giving their all at work to care for and support patients with COVID-19, many are facing a second, deeply personal battle when they return home. The financial impact of job losses on others within their households is adding to the mounting challenges they must overcome. After working tirelessly to help our patients, these heroes desperately need our help.

Every day someone asks me, “What can I do?” My purpose in writing today is to share how you can make a substantial difference in the lives of those on the front lines. By providing financial relief to our caregivers, you will help them overcome the many unexpected hardships they now face. Your gift will help to provide:

- Remote hotel stays to limit family exposure
- Rent/mortgage assistance
- Groceries and utilities
- Transportation to and from work/car payments
- Emergency child and eldercare

Please make an immediate gift to the Atlantic Health System Team Member Relief Fund, which has been generously seeded with a $250,000 gift from The David Tepper Charitable Foundation.

If you have already made a gift to support our COVID relief efforts, we thank you for your generosity.

In the weeks ahead, the burden of the pandemic will lessen in our hospitals but, for many caregivers, the challenges at home may be ongoing for quite some time. By giving today, you can express your gratitude for everything our Atlantic Health Heroes are doing to care for our community through this incredibly difficult time and make a real change in the lives of your neighbors on the front lines.

Best regards,

Brian Gragnolati
President & CEO