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A Special Message from CEO Lisa Bickus

Dear Members,

On behalf of the NCSF Board of Directors, myself, and our entire staff, I would like to thank you for your loyalty and perseverance during this unprecedented time and extremely difficult situation due to coronavirus (COVID-19). The past several turbulent months have been unlike anything we have ever experienced.

NCSF continues to evolve so that we can provide you, our agents, and partners with the highest level of service possible. Every decision we make is made through that lens. We continue to do business safely and securely.

For almost 130 years, our Society on many occasions has faced and survived crises that affected our nation and even the world. Through the tough times, our faith, values, and financial strength has helped us endure.

NCSF is a financially strong, safe, and secure Society, well-positioned to fulfill our obligations to our members. We have sound and conservative long-term investment strategies. We do not take risks. We act in the best interest of our members. We remain committed and responsible to our membership.

For agents, we strive to make it easier to do business during this time of social distancing. Therefore, we invested in an e-signature solution to alleviate the burden of face to face meetings with clients. We also hold virtual meetings using Teams, Zoom, and other meeting solutions.

Over the last several weeks we have been challenged with how to calm ourselves, communicate with others and to keep a sense of community. At NCSF we believe that Prayer is a powerful force at our disposal to help with this. That is one of the reasons we started NCSF's Prayer Network. Participants meet weekly to pray for the intentions sent in by our members and friends. If you wish to join, please complete the NCSF's Prayer Network form. We also developed a new Court/Impact Team Matching Funds Grant strictly for COVID-19 related donations and fundraisers; see the COVID-19 Matching Funds Grant Application form for details.

We also created a new page on our website under Philanthropy dedicated to Member News. On that page you will find messages, a COVID Resource Guide, Work at Home Tips, Coping Tips, and much more. We continue to have links to various online Masses and services by Diocese. A wealth of communication and resources can be found there.

Our hearts go out to everyone impacted by COVID-19. We also applaud and support our heroes on the front lines. Let us all stay connected like never before. May God bless you and your family.

Lisa Bickus, CEO