



We hope this finds you and your family well, safe, and healthy.

We wanted to use this opportunity to connect with you, share what is happening at The Phoenix Center during COVID-19, and the successes we have been experiencing with our distance learning, despite the challenging circumstances.

In partnership with our teachers and therapists, our families have been supporting their children in the distance learning process and several have reached out to me personally to thank the staff for our ongoing commitment, hard work, and professionalism in the face of this difficult scenario. In addition to academic instruction, we are now able to provide related services to our students via teletherapy which has been tremendous.

We continue to need learning technology/devices for some of our students and staff, among other unfunded initiatives. If you have any thoughts or questions about any of these initiatives or fundraising opportunities, please contact Carolyn Sharaway at 973-542-0743 ext 403 or email her at <mailto:csharaway@thephoenixcenternj.org>. Feel free to reach out to me as well at 973-542-0743 ext 302 or jmower@thephoenixcenternj.org. Although working from home, we continue to receive all of our messages.

Despite the unfortunate (and costly) cancellation of Casino Night, we hope we will have the opportunity to reconnect and see you soon. In the meantime, please stay well. Look for more updates from The Phoenix Center in the form of emails and videos. Until then, take care and stay healthy

Thank you again for your continued support of The Phoenix Center, its students and staff.

**With gratitude,
Julie Mower
Julie Mower, M.A.Ed.
Executive Director**

During a recent IEP meeting, the parents ended the meeting with a request to spend a moment thanking all of TPC staff for never making them feel alone through all of this and for the incredible online resources and virtual learning that they know was all created from the ground up in under two weeks. "We are so very appreciative and thankful." Tuhina's mom actually said that one of the silver linings to the pandemic is that it has given her more time to spend with her daughter, work one on one with her, and really get to understand the way she learns and what teacher, Ryan does each day.