

# Maria's Corner

#### A Message of Hope

We knew the cases of Corona Virus would spike this fall and winter. Latest hospitalizations have increased by 44% as I write this article. Our hospitals and health care workers are once again in a position of enormous responsibility, caring for so many, both sick and well. But we, as a state, are better prepared than we were last spring. We have put measures in place and are well equipped to manage the uptick in COVID-19 cases.

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Best of all, there is hope. We know there have been huge strides in the area of a vaccination and we're being advised by the CDC and other leading national and local health care agencies and organizations that the vaccine will soon be available. So, there is hope. One day, in the near future, this pandemic will be a historical event and I'm encouraging my readers to focus on the 'historic' aspect, that is, a thing of the past.

Some of our patients have asked us if they should get the vaccine or wait until a massive amount of the population has been vaccinated. We encourage our seniors to get vaccinated, but we also honor individual choice. So, our answer is it's up to you. Our preference would be to take all measures to protect yourself and your loved against infection since this virus can be fatal.

We here at Celtic Angels Home Health Care continue to practice risk prevention, follow stringent protocols in order to protect our caregivers and their patients. I continue to provide training modules and other communication materials to our entire





Cashel is a small town in the south of Ireland. One of its most famous landmarks is the Rock of Cashel, a

medieval complex on a hilltop overlooking the town. This archaeological site is a wonderful spot for tourist to visit. Travelers can admire the Gothic cathedral, a round tower and a 15th-century castle and then move on to the museums at Cashel Folk Village and get a history lesson on the Great Famine and the 1916 Easter Rising. Don't miss this spot if you're ever in the area.

caregiver and administrative staff on proper use and application of PPE equipment and additional preventative measures.

As we look to the new year, it is truly a time of renewal and tremendous hope. We will get through this and I have no doubt that many of us will be stronger for it. From our family to yours, we wish you a very peace-filled and healthy holiday season.

Bundle up and stay safe!

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#### We Won! Boston Globe's Top Places To Work Award

## The Boston Globe TOP PLACES TO WORK 2020

Although this past year was one of the most challenging years in this nation's history, and the world around, our caregivers and staff rose to the occasion and delivered the finest quality service and care to our patients. As if that wasn't enough, you voted Celtic Angels Home Health Care a Top Place To Work by the Boston Globe Magazine. This prestigious award showcases companies and organizations from around the state that provide and maintain the highest standards for employees. A survey was distributed to our caregivers with questions pertaining to our culture.

### Caregivers Children's Photos with Santa Contest



This holiday season we were not able to host our annual Christmas party and holiday celebration. So, instead we hosted a 'Christmas with Santa' photo content. We loaded a group of wonderful photographs from last year's party featuring the children with Santa and

asked our caregivers and staff to vote for their favorite photo. The child in the photo that collected the most votes won a prize.



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