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Dear Chapter leader,

I am reaching out with a separate request about the Conference scholarship fund. Many of you may know by now the National Board and the Foundation leadership have been concerned about our many members who have lost their jobs or had their hours cut.

I hope you will join us in helping our case management community. Close to 300 health care organizations have experienced workforce layoffs and furloughs from the pandemic. Many of our fellow CMSA members and case management colleagues have lost their jobs, or part of their pay. This loss makes attending our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference a considerable hardship.

While any CMSA Annual conference is a unique experience, this year's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will be an outstanding event that no case manager should miss. The virtual format means no travel expenses to attend, though the registration fee will be a hardship for anyone who is unemployed, or experiencing a reduction in their pay.

The CMSA Foundation has received a generous grant from Nurseify to fund 4 scholarships to case managers who want to attend our National Conference, but are unable to afford it. This is a wonderful gift, that will be dwarfed by the need.

Today, I am asking you as a Chapter leader, if you are able, to [join me in making a contribution](#) to the CMSA Foundation, specifically to increase the number of scholarships. A gift of any size will help, as all funds will be pooled to assist as many people as possible.

Please dig deep and let's help our colleagues stay connected, educated, and present at the most significant event to promote a career in case management.

***In addition to making a personal contribution, I ask that you use the resources of your chapter – website, social media, and email lists – to reach out to your members for support as well.*** A donation of even \$5-10 will be meaningful as our many contributions will add up to a meaningful support.

With gratitude,

Eric Bergman

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