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Dear Colleagues,

No matter how you spent Thanksgiving, it was different this year.

To all those who worked yesterday, your sacrifice and dedication stands as a monument to what it means to have a hospital like ours serving the community. Thank you from everyone at Upstate.

For many, the pandemic also meant a limited holiday for 2020. For those of you who followed the advice to keep gatherings small and didn't travel, thank you too. These actions will help our hospital as the virus surges.

A friend of mind told me about a tradition that emerged several years ago when their Thanksgiving Day was interrupted by conflicting work and family schedules. Instead of celebrating Thanksgiving that year, they accepted the change and created their own "GivingThanks" holiday to be celebrated later. What had been a broken holiday was rearranged into another way to celebrate.

I thought of that this year, and the fractures caused by a global pandemic. I hope everyone who experienced a disrupted holiday will be able to create and claim your own "GivingThanks" day in the future.

I am so proud of the work you do for Upstate. Thank you for making the meaning of these words — thanks and giving — more important than ever before.

With appreciation,

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