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Dear SAINA family,

I am writing to you with a message full of hope and health, looking forward to a year ahead that will be free of burden and changing pandemic that has challenged every one of us for the past few years. Yet, with the COVID-19 variants lingering over our head, I'm afraid that we still need to continue to work hard in this arena.

The vaccines made available over the past year provided hundreds of millions around the world with essential protection against disease and death, and yet hundreds of millions more remain vulnerable. This was evident when the variant emerged in South Africa. As always, the gaps in access and protection reflect tragic inequities between nations and within every society across the globe. Nurses play a crucial role in resolving these inequities and access issues. There have been bright spots, big and small — the creation of multiple vaccines, the reopening of schools, COVID treatment through new medication regimen, some international travel and celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas with loved ones that are vaccinated. We will continue to make new memories as more folks get vaccinated.

As challenging as the last few years have been, we all as nurses have risen to the occasion because of our passion, purpose and calling. And I've never been more convinced that SAINAs passion for professional development and our DNA for community service will help shape the future of not just San Antonio but will have far reaching impact internationally.

The word of the 2022 for SAINA during this nurse's week is "PEACE"

P= Protect (Each other and our patients and rights)

E=Equip (Develop professionally)

A= Assist those in need

C= Care for each other (Lead with Heart)

E= Empower the next generation

On behalf of the entire team at SAINA, thank you for all that you do to improve health and health care worldwide. We see you, we support you, and we salute you.

Sincerely,

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