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## Sharing Our Year in Review



It is said that “sharing is caring,” and it is undeniable that 2020 has provided us an opportunity to sincerely think about how we share and care. While Zoom calls and car parties enabled us to share our thoughts and good wishes, at the end of the day, our collective humanity is what has sustained our kinship as families and communities.

The pandemic has opened our eyes to see where more sharing is needed. ASCI has shared resources, information, meals, learning assistance and other supportive services. We have mastered digital platforms in order to share our time with staff and families, continued our support groups virtually, offered online youth activities and nurtured community partnerships to keep the sharing going.

We have also seen the importance of sharing ourselves. As we share our own experiences, needs, triumphs, challenges and faith, we strengthen our bonds by recognizing what we have in common.

Like you, I have also missed sharing some things, like family milestones: first birthdays, weddings and even saying goodbye to those close to us. And I think each of us misses sharing in our respective communities’ togetherness, from

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Entering 2021, we at ASCI continue to share kinship, community and hope. We work passionately to continue ensuring the safety and well-being of the children and families we serve, as well as our own children and families.

Sharing is giving and receiving; it is thought and action; it is tangible and intangible. Sharing can achieve so much. Sharing has the power to make our world a better place.

I share, with gratitude, our year in review.



Dr. Sharon McDaniel

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## The Battle Against Bias: A Unique Year of Hope, Resilience & Creating Change Through Kinship

Over the course of 2020, ASCI has reflected heavily on the critical values of diversity, equity and inclusion in child welfare. We have seen firsthand how the pandemic, racial inequities and discriminatory practices have continued to keep marginalized populations at a disadvantage in the United States. We have also seen the effects of such marginalization on these populations amid a global crisis, as it has negatively impacted these same populations in disproportionate ways.

Yet, we have been able to highlight the actions of impactful thought leaders and advocates within the system working every day to dismantle its racist and oppressive practices. The system as we have known it can no longer exist in its historical context, and we must continue fighting to create a sustainable form of support and equity for all children and families.

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