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Dear Friends of Tabs for Wheelchairs,

Hope this letter finds everyone well and practicing social distancing! What a challenging time we are going through, but we will get through this!!! Hopefully, now and in the future, we will appreciate all those around us more, have a greater respect for anyone in health care or who is a frontline worker, and never take anything for granted!!!

As you have probably realized, we will not be having an assembly in June at Holy Cross School's Gymnasium to present Jasper and Isaac's specialized wheelchairs. We are hoping it will happen in September or early October, if school has resumed at that time.

The day program at Trailblazers, where you drop off your tabs, is closed until further notice. Please continue to save and keep your tabs! An email will go out as soon as Trailblazers is open once again for your deliveries.

As you have probably already read, coronaviruses can survive on various surfaces for extended amounts of time. For your information, a 2020 study published in the Journal of Hospital Infections analyzed 22 studies on other SARS and MERS coronaviruses. Researchers found that, on average, the viruses persisted on metal, plastic, and glass surfaces at room temperature for 4-5 days and could persist for up to 9 days depending on temperature and humidity. Covid19 has not been tested yet as to how long it can stay on surfaces because this virus is so new. However, tabs are a metal and knowing that viruses can live on surfaces, we need to be very cautious in handling other people's tabs! Please, after handling tabs, always wash your hands with soap and warm water.

As we told you in the fall, we were unable to find property to store a trailer for all of our bags of tabs, once they have been bagged by Trailblazers. Don & Mary Hanson were originally going to purchase that trailer for us, but in the end, the money they donated was going to be used for the monthly payments to a storage company. The company chosen was Access Storage on Marion St. in St. Boniface. Once Access Storage found out what Tabs for Wheelchairs was all about, they decided they would like to help and they are letting us use the storage

unit at no charge for all of 2020. At the end of the year, they will take a look at it again and may even extend the free rental into 2021.

This has saved us a great deal of money per month. The generous \$5000 donation from Don and Mary, with their permission, went into our Tabs for Wheelchairs account. **Thanks again, Don & Mary!**

One way we can say thanks to Access Storage for their generosity is to inform all of you of their 9 locations in the city. If you are ever looking for a storage space, please consider renting from them! As well, if you mention that you heard about them from Tabs for Wheelchairs, they will give a cheque to us for the amount of \$50-\$100, depending on the size of your rental space. Attached are their locations and phone numbers. **Thank you, Access Storage!**

We are happy to announce that our next year's recipient is a special young man from Lorette, Manitoba. His name is Oliver (Ollie). Attached are two pictures of him and a little write-up. By the time September comes around, we will have an additional recipient for 2021. Their picture and write-up will be in the newsletter that will be going out in early September.

Thanks again to all of you for continuing to be **faithful supporters** of **Tabs for Wheelchairs!** An amazing job is being done by all and we are so very grateful for your participation!

You may be interested to know that by the end of this year, Tabs for Wheelchairs will have presented 24 specialized wheelchairs through tabs and donations, as well as 15 extra wheelchairs from two very generous anonymous donors. A total of **39 specialized wheelchairs** have been given in the 22 years of this program! You all have changed a lot of young people's lives and can be very proud!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! We couldn't have done this if it wasn't for each and every one of you!

Take care, keep social distancing, and stay healthy!!!

Sincerely,

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