

History will remember when the world stopped  
And the flights stayed on the ground.  
And the cars parked in the street.  
And the trains didn't run.  
History will remember when the schools closed  
And the children stayed indoors

And the **medical staff walked towards the fire**

And they **didn't run**.

History will remember when the people sang  
On their balconies, in isolation  
But so very much together  
In courage and song.

History will remember when the people fought  
For their old and their weak  
Protected the vulnerable  
By doing nothing at all.

History will remember when the virus left  
And the houses opened  
And the people came out  
And hugged and kissed  
And started again  
Kinder than before.

A Poem by Donna Ashworth  
- **Jenny Palmer**

Thank you for your **dedication** to serving patients during this  
incredibly stressful time. You are amazing all the time and really over  
the top amazing right now. Keeping you all in my thoughts!  
- **Elizabeth Maguire**

Thank you for all that you are doing in this time of crisis. Thank you for  
the **sacrifices** you are making every day to help the VA, and patients.  
We so appreciate you!  
- **Kelly Stolzmann**

I can only imagine how stressful the current situation is for clinicians.  
We are so grateful for your work with Veterans. CHOIR is here to  
**support you** and will take up the slack on the research side as you  
shift your attentions to the clinical world.  
- **Barbara Bokhour**

I am so **grateful** for your service  
to Veterans and those who are  
most in need, in these times and  
always!

- **Bo Kim**

You are all **amazing!** Thank you for putting everyone's health  
and safety first, and still managing to pursue our research goals.  
Please remember to take care of yourself during this stressful  
time. You are needed, you are appreciated, and it's an honor to  
work with all of you.

- **Zoe MacLaren**

Thanks to CHOIR clinician researchers for your **courage** and  
**compassion** in sustaining the health and self-confidence of  
your Veteran patients.

- **Lynn Garvin**

Thank you CHOIR clinician-researchers for all you are doing to  
help our Veterans – and our broader community – during this  
crisis. I am grateful for your willingness to put your own safety  
and well-being on the line to serve others. I am also grateful for  
your **leadership and expertise** as you help us all to  
navigate these distressing times. I wish there was more we  
could do to support your efforts. Thank you!

- **Heather Davila**

Unflappable colleagues are overwhelmed. Others "terrified: and  
"frustrated." I'm feeling **awe**, grateful, and left not knowing how  
to help. A tremendous THANK YOU to our frontline colleagues  
who are truly frontline.

- **Gemmae M. Fix**

A **tremendous thanks** for all that you do on the frontiers  
of research and the frontlines of health services during these  
uncertain and unprecedented times!

- **Terri Pogoda**

Thanks for everything you are doing and will do to care for our  
Veterans. VA is truly being called on to pay back just a little of  
what American Veterans have given all Americans, and you, our  
clinician colleagues, are shouldering much of that pay  
back. Thanks for all you are doing. Know that we **have your  
backs!**

- **Karen Quigley**

We're so lucky to have such amazing and dedicated clinicians  
**heroes** among us. Thank you for your unrelentless bravery.  
Know we are here to support you!

- **Jenny Sullivan**

# *We're all in this together*

You rock, CHOIR clinician  
researchers. I was  
**impressed** with you

before but now I am in awe  
and grateful.

- **Deborah Gurewich**

Our amazing clinician researchers in the CHOIR community are  
truly heroes in combating COVID-19. I say BIG THANK YOU to  
all of you because you work so hard and have done so much to  
keep veterans and the community healthy. You are **the  
best!**

- **Libin Zhang**

I'm especially grateful for Westyn Branch-Elliman. I'm aware  
of the **extraordinary** work she's doing at the front lines of  
clinical care, and it's terrific what she's contributing.

- **Allen L. Gifford**



A special thanks to our physical  
health providers: they are the  
**tip of the spear** in this war.  
- **Christopher Miller**