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To the Editor:

We Saranac Lakers are facing difficult times with the coronavirus pandemic. We are all in this together, and it's a time for cooperation. In that spirit, local nonprofit leaders met online last week to discuss ways we can help each other stay strong.

As leaders of the diverse not-for-profits in the Saranac Lake region, we are writing this open letter to make the clear statement that we intend to be here on the other side of this crisis. We are working hard to continue our programs and to maintain our organizations so that we can continue to serve the community once we get through this situation.

Saranac Lake area nonprofits make up an essential part of the economy and culture of our region. We provide good jobs that encourage our younger generation to stay in the area. We perform many of the essential human services that support our most vulnerable populations. We operate many of the key venues and activities that serve as the infrastructure for our tourism economy. We provide the arts and cultural programs that shape the identity of our community. We are some of the strongest advocates for the revitalization of our historic downtown and the stewardship of our natural environment.

As we cope with the pandemic and our new reality of physical distancing, area nonprofits are re-tooling to continue to provide essential services and programs online. We encourage our members and constituents to visit our websites to discover ways that we are connecting. Please contact us to stay in touch and share your suggestions about ways you would prefer to stay connected.

We want to express our gratitude for the ongoing support of our members and donors. With your help, we will continue to build a bright future for our community.

Sincerely,

Your Saranac Lake Not-For-Profits

including:

Adirondack Carousel
Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation
Adirondack Center for Writing
Adirondack Economic Development Corporation
Adirondack Hamlets to Huts
Adirondack Health Foundation
Adirondack North Country Association
Eagle Island
Franklin County Local Development Corporation
Harriestown Housing Authority
Historic Saranac Lake
Lake Placid Sinfonietta
North Country Healthy Heart Network
North Country Home Services
Pendragon Theatre
Play ADK
Saranac Lake Area Chamber of Commerce
Saranac Lake ArtWorks
Saranac Lake Local Development Corporation
Saranac Lake Youth Center
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