



Summer 2021

The CO-OPerative Advantage

To the CO-OP Community,

We are all reminded of the passage of time as we say goodbye to CO-OP's President & CEO, Joyce Faria. Wasn't it just yesterday...

...or so it seemed. It was, in fact, over 40 years ago when Joyce began her CO-OP career as a teacher. Since then, no matter the position held or the duties performed, Joyce carried the same human-based values she developed in that role, and lived up to them each day, each week, each year, and each decade. Those values are in Joyce's bones and everyone around her knows it. Those close to her also know that she set the standards for every person involved in this extraordinary organization. We do our



best to live up to them. Joyce has made us all better people and made CO-OP a better place.

I believe the greatest compliment we can give Joyce is to recognize her unrelenting focus on the individuals CO-OP's assists and the quality of service provided at CO-OP. Now those values are embedded in the people and the day-to-day operations. These things will remain long after Joyce closes the CO-OP door one last time.

We must also recognize Joyce's talent and tenacity in leading a business as she will leave CO-OP in the strongest financial position in the agency's history. This strong position assures stability and security for individuals, families, and staff alike as we head into the future.



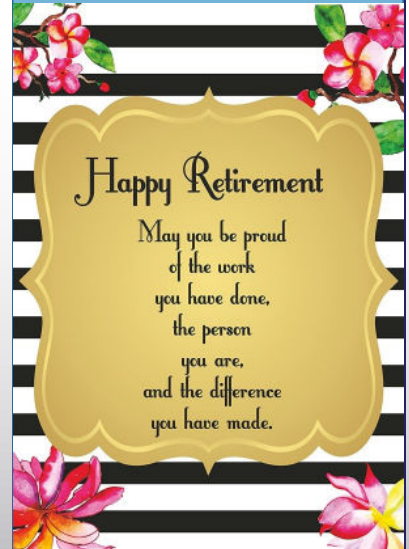
We wish Joyce much happiness in her retirement and hope to find her sitting on a beautiful beach and maybe, just maybe, she'll be reminded of us as much as we will undoubtedly be reminded of her. We make one promise: We will do our very best to carry on her extraordinary legacy.

Sincerely,

Raymond C. Pelote, Esq.
Chairman, CO-OP Board of Directors

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This is our tribute to more than four decades of dedicated service by Joyce Faria, President & CEO.



Happy Retirement

May you be proud
of the work
you have done,
the person
you are,
and the difference
you have made.

These sentiments and artwork from members of the CO-OP Day Program in Taunton.

*Goodbye, Adios, Arrivederci, Au Revoir, Adeus, Do svidaniya, Auf Wiedersehen, Sayonara, Annyeong...and our Best Wishes for a **Happy Retirement, Joyce Faria!***



*"Joyce is a very nice person."
-CO-OP program member*

*"Joyce has molded CO-OP as a truly service driven organization by ensuring the quality of services provided remains their highest priority."
-CO-OP staff member*

*"Joyce has been the steady hand at the COOP helm with just the right mixture of innovation, risk-taking, and caution to steer us always in the right direction. Her instincts about next steps have been impeccable."
-CO-OP Board Member*



*"...she has dedicated so much...to make CO-OP the special place it is for individuals and staff."
-CO-OP staff*

Thank you to the entire CO-OP community for sharing their thoughts, artwork, and pictures as we say goodbye.



"...as Board members and parents, colleagues and consumers, [Joyce has] the knowledge, devotion and heart for those we serve, reminding us always as to why we do what we do."

-CO-OP Board member

"...Thank you for all your years of service and support. I will miss working with you!"

-CO-OP staff member

"...[Joyce's] humor has often helped the most difficult days be more bearable."

-CO-OP staff member



"Joyce has an unrelenting focus on the individual and that is what makes CO-OP a great agency."

-CO-OP staff member



"...there is no doubt...that CO-OP is the excellent organization that it is because of Joyce's unwavering commitment to and her integrity in leading this organization."

-CO-OP Board Member



Our Mission

The purpose of Cooperative Production, Inc. (CO-OP) is to support people with disabilities to become valued members of their communities, with opportunities for meaningful participation in areas of personal pursuit.

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