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Friends,

Love and Beloved

We were taping a video on our Oral Health initiative last week. At the end of a statistically filled factual piece, the millennial in charge said: "Please describe this work with one word." Without hesitation I said "that would be the most powerful word in the world-- LOVE." I went on to say "this is a mission driven organization filled with people who love helping people and love this work creating opportunities for people to improve their health."

The rest of the week was packed with board, staff, colleagues, family, a funeral and a wedding. In less than a week, I experienced the extremes of joys and sorrows, as well as life and death. Then I finished the Henri Nouwen book "The Life of the Beloved".

In summary, we are all children of God that are beloved. I know and feel this love, respect, and support every day at Texas Health Institute. What an incredible team of smart, committed, ethical, caring professionals!

Please read this newsletter in this context and join us at one of our upcoming events or work with us on a project.

- ***Mountain States Genetics Regional Collaborative*** -MSGRC recently wrapped up their Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. We celebrated one of our highest attendances in recent years, with 101 members and guests joining us as we wrap up the end of a five-year cycle. Click [here](#) for more about the meeting!
- ***5th Annual Texas Primary Care and Health Home Summit***, May 11-12, 2017, San Antonio, Sheraton Gunter Hotel. Registration Closes Next Week! Click [here](#) for updates. [Register](#) NOW!
- ***2017 Southern Obesity Summit*** - October 1-3, 2017, Marriot Marquis, Atlanta, Georgia. Click [here](#) for more information about the 11th Annual SOS!
- What if there was a way you could shop for the same quality services you already have (essential services, such as, electricity, satellite TV, cell phone, and more), from Brand Name providers that you trust; all at great prices in a single place. And

even better get some of them for free. Click [here](#) to find out more information!



- ***National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month*** - Know the signs and symptoms of melanoma skin cancer. Find out how melanoma skin cancer is tested for, diagnosed, and staged. Click [here](#) to learn more,



- ***Mental Health Awareness Month*** - May is Mental Health Awareness Month and an ideal time to educate Veterans on the conditions that encompass mental health, how to seek help if needed, and live a mentally healthy life! Click [here](#) for more information



- ***National Stroke Awareness Month*** - Americans are not familiar with stroke symptoms and the need for urgent medical attention. During National Stroke Awareness Month watch this video to learn more about the impact of stroke on young adults, learn stroke symptoms and what to do if you spot them, and access resources for survivors and caregivers. Click [here](#) for more information.
- While in Salt Lake City for the MSGRC Annual Meeting, MSGRC Project Manager Marilyn Brown took the opportunity to participate in the 5k portion of the Salt Lake City Marathon on April 22, 2017. Click [here](#) for picture and more about her run!

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