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President's Report to the Board of Trustees

Good afternoon, Trustees:

Thank you for your service to our system, our patients, our caregivers and our community.

I want to start off by inviting each of you to MetroHealth Juneteenth Freedom Fest, this Saturday, June 14, noon to 8 p.m., on Mall C in Downtown Cleveland. Our system is proud to again sponsor this free, family-friendly event, which celebrates the end of slavery and the power of freedom.

Here are a few highlights since we last met:

- On Friday, May 30, I joined our fellow Clark-Fulton neighbors, community leaders and business owners in celebrating the grand opening of CentroVilla25. The new venture and business hub will help strengthen the Clark-Fulton neighborhood by bringing people together, promoting healthy living, celebrating culture and empowering local entrepreneurs. Please join me in congratulating **Jenice Contreras, MBA**, and the rest of The Northeast Ohio Hispanic Center for Economic Development team for bringing this vision to life.
- Last week, I had a productive and engaging meeting with Cleveland City Council President **Blaine Griffin**. As I continue to reach out to local leaders for one-on-one meetings, I am enjoying building relationships and seeing how we can work together to better serve the people of Greater Cleveland.
- Last Friday, I was honored to participate in MetroHealth's 2nd Annual Gun Violence Awareness Event at The Glick Center. MetroHealth caregivers were joined by scores of patients, visitors, community partners, local leaders, elected officials, public safety officers, survivors of gun violence and others – all with the shared goal of supporting those affected by gun violence, providing resources, raising awareness, educating each other and building relationships to address gun violence in our community. I want to thank MetroHealth Injury Prevention & Outreach Coordinator **Anthony Zalewski**, Trauma Surgeon **Dr. Vanessa Ho** and the rest of the MetroHealth Gun Violence Prevention Committee for their relentless passion on this issue and for organizing this powerful event.
- Early Saturday morning, I joined almost 1,000 attendees and participants at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo for the 9th Annual MetroHealth Resiliency Run, which raises awareness and financial support for trauma and burn survivors. Thank you to all the MetroHealth caregivers, organizers and volunteers who were up early on a Saturday



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morning to make this event such a success and to support some of our most inspiring patients.

- Later in the day on Saturday, I was beyond proud to attend the 10th Annual Pride in the CLE event in Downtown Cleveland. MetroHealth was a “Speak Out Partner” and one of three leading sponsors for this annual event of celebration and determination. MetroHealth’s commitment to our Pride Network team, our Pride patients and our region’s LGBTQ+ community is unwavering, unshakable and unbreakable. MetroHealth’s Pride Clinic was established more than 15 years ago as the first of its kind in Northeast Ohio and one of the first in the nation. We provide a safe, affirming place for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex community to receive care. We will continue to build upon this legacy.

Thank you again, Trustees, for all you do for MetroHealth. If you are blessed to be fathers, I want to wish you an early Happy Father’s Day.

With deep appreciation,

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