Dear Community Partners,

As I reflect on this past year, I feel both proud of what we’ve accomplished and reminded of how much work there is yet to do. Each day our teams engage in several ways, all with the ultimate goal of impacting the lives of people with autism or other developmental disabilities and challenges:

- **Creating Change Today**
  We work directly with people and their families to develop and demonstrate services based on best practice interventions and remain connected to our “why.”

- **Enabling Change Tomorrow**
  We equip community partners with the tools and capacity to serve.

- **Advocating for Future Change**
  We build awareness among policy makers of the issues, their fiscal impact, solutions, and their return on investment.

Innovation is a thread that carries through all of our work. From the day-to-day activities to the long-term systems transformation, we’re always seeking better ways to impact change. And we understand that it’s a marathon, not a sprint. There’s a degree of trial and error, of testing before scaling, of shedding before building. For some, that can be challenging. But with clear vision and transparency, we’re able to move forward together to more meaningfully impact lives.

There’s no greater reward for us than when we’re no longer needed. When an adult with autism gets to choose to move into their own apartment and still access the support they need. When a school hires their own autism professionals. When new policies pass that expand support for individuals. These are the rewards of a job well done.

We are grateful for your engagement and support! And we look forward to a year of building upon our learnings. As the following report highlights, we will continue to focus our efforts on creating, enabling, and advocating change across the Commonwealth.

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CA is continuing to assess how shared service alliances might help organizations invest more time and resources to provide quality services. By offloading ‘back office’ tasks like accounting, payroll, procurement and payment collection, to CA’s shared services team, our partners can spend more time on their mission.

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We’re making a difference.

See how we’re Creating Change

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