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To the Boulder Community:

We acknowledge with the heaviest of hearts the tragedy of March 22, 2021, at the King Soopers in Boulder, when a mass shooter senselessly took the lives of ten people. Among those lost was Officer Eric Talley of the Boulder Police Department with whom many of us at MorningStar of Boulder had a personal relationship.

MorningStar was part of Officer Talley's beat, so he would respond to any 911 calls; he would often—out of courtesy and sincere concern—stop in just to make sure all was well under our roof. He was a true servant of the people...a man who will be sorely missed, and dearly remembered. We sent an appropriate tribute to his funeral.

Joining with the rest of the wider Boulder community, we mounted a "BoulderStrong" banner in our front yard together with a memorial to Officer Talley and the others lost. Our residents were invited to contribute their own sentiments, as well as to sign our condolence card to the Talley family.

I am proud of our team's responsiveness the afternoon of the tragedy. Within minutes we were secure and had communicated with all team members to assess their location and safety. How grateful we are for *OnShift*, software that quickens all-team communication. We offered immediate support to the few who were most closely impacted. And we calmly attended to residents as the news was breaking, engaging them in normalcy to the degree COVID restrictions permit.

Join us in praying for our broken-hearted community and particularly the families directly impacted. Psalm 34:18: *"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."* As we mourn together, let us recommit ourselves to treasuring the precious lives we have been given and making the most of our time to love well.

Warmly,

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