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Dear RIFC Community,

As you may or may not have heard by now, our beloved and esteemed colleague, Deputy Director Marvin Ronning, passed unexpectedly Sunday night. As a Team, we continue to process the loss of a beloved friend, colleague and human being. Grief counseling has been made available to all staff. We've begun receiving emails and phone calls from various stakeholders and community members expressing their shock and disbelief of his sudden passing. Clearly many have been impacted by this sad news.



Marvin, being Marvin, spent countless hours educating Clinic staff on various management processes for such a time as this. Along with his beloved VISTAs, he helped create a shared network document filing system that provides invaluable guidance and infrastructure to current and future staff and volunteers. That was Marvin. Always looking out for the greater good.

As the news spreads and you're asked about Marvin's passing by those with whom you interact, may we encourage you to note that, while it was definitely a sad day in the Clinic's history and Marvin will be missed by so many; consistent with our proven resilience for nearly 25 years and what Marvin would expect from us, Rhode Island Free Clinic will push through with the love and support of our entire community.

We thank you for being part of the RIFC Community and look forward to continuing to fulfill our mission together with the passion, commitment and humanity that was Marvin Ronning.

As we learn information on the planned "Celebration of Life," we will post on our website and send via multiple social media platforms.

Without you, Rhode Island Free Clinic could not fulfill our mission so thank you for continuing to invest your time, talents and treasure for our patients.

Sincerely,

Forrest A. Daniels, RIFC CEO

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