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As we reflect on 2020, I would first like to thank you for your support of the National Inventors Hall of Fame® (NIHF). In a year that required us to work at lightning speed to be responsive to an ever-changing world in crisis, our NIHF family of Inductees, donors, partners and friends were reassuring in their messages of encouragement and generous in their financial support.

While this past year brought considerable operational and financial challenges, it also presented NIHF with an opportunity to walk our talk. Drawing on 48 years of experience inspiring innovation, we embraced the lessons of inventors — perseverance, creative problem solving, failing fast — and focused on ways to quickly pivot and respond to this unique moment in time.

As a result, we were able to build a new delivery model and develop new and innovative PreK-12 STEM and invention education programs, maintaining our highest standards, that impacted more than 100,000 students and 3,500 teachers nationwide. These programs provided children with fun at-home activities, supported parents, and gave teachers curricula and teaching techniques to help keep children engaged and hands-on.

The very innovation that will help the world emerge from this pandemic is what we celebrate and inspire. I am privileged to lead a company with such a noble mission and look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the coming years.

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