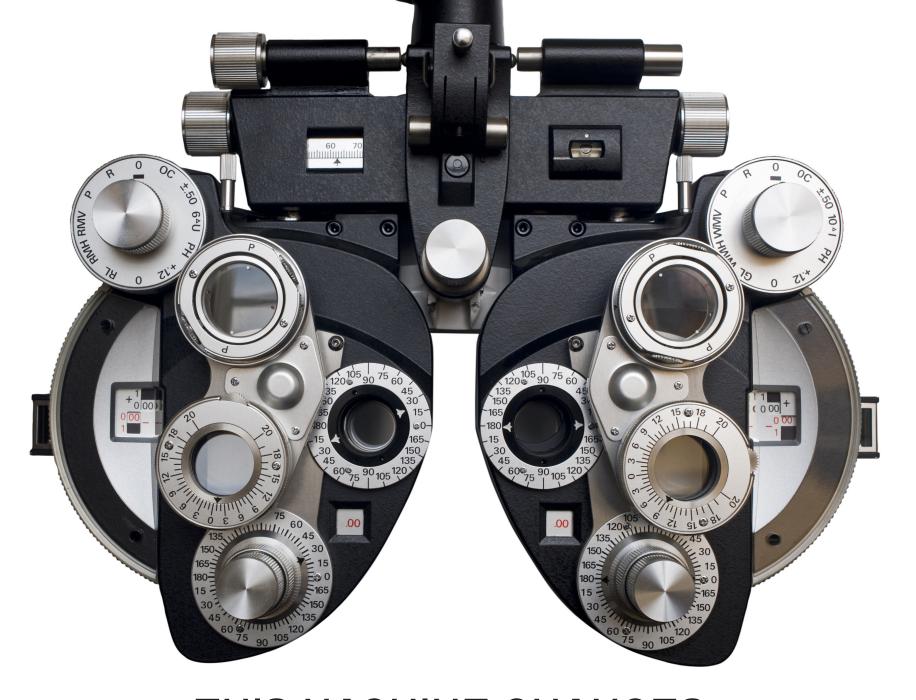
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THIS MACHINE CHANGES HOW YOU SEE THE WORLD

## SO DOES GRATITUDE

2020 has been...interesting.

I can vividly remember sitting at a table during a networking event in January as we each shared a word that summed up our intentions for the year. Mine was "growth." I had just signed papers to expand Date-Line Digital Printing into an adjacent space in our strip mall so we could install a massive new flatbed printer, and I was focused on how to leverage the additional space and the new capabilities of the printer to grow our revenue and do new and exciting things in 2020.

You might know what came next.

The time spent devising a plan to grow and conquer was quickly replaced with time spent devising a plan to survive. The uncertainty (easily my least favorite buzzword of the year) of those first few months of the pandemic deflated my dreams of growing and I found myself in survival mode.

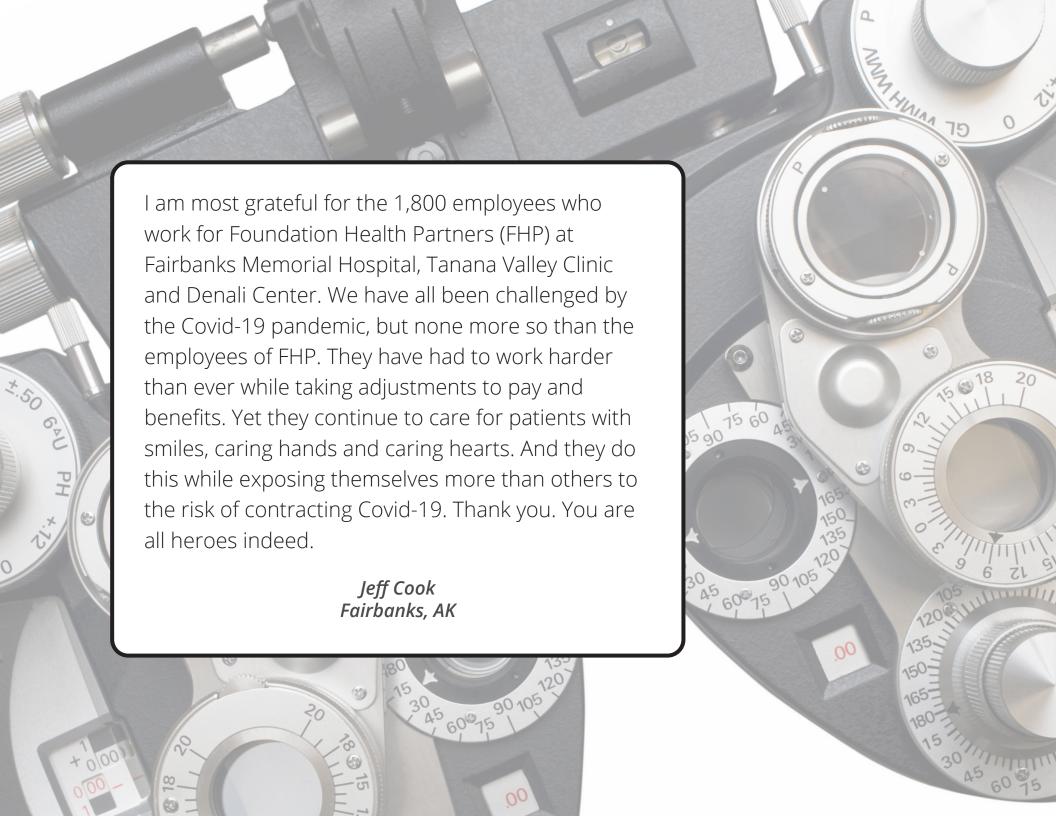
Except along the way I was constantly aware of the patience and generosity of our vendors, our landlord, our customers, and my staff. It was impossible to fully grasp and as the pages of the calendar evaporated – and we were still here – I found myself overwhelmed with thankfulness over and over again.

As I write this Date-Line is still not whole, but I am grateful nonetheless because in a year where so many things went wrong, there were still an awful lot of really wonderful things happening if you looked for them.

And that is what this book is for: to drop a few breadcrumbs to help you find your way back to a posture of gratitude. If you're feeling a little lost, I hope the messages on the pages of this book will offer you an alternative perspective and remind you that there is still much to be thankful for.

Even in 2020.





I am thankful to be able to do meaningful work that is valued by the community; for this wonderful community in such a beautiful setting; for my wife, family, and friends to comfort, entertain, and support one another; to be able to work alongside some of the finest individuals anywhere on earth; for the many privileges, freedoms, and comforts that I have; for my health; and, for the means to be able to serve and help those that are less fortunate.

Doug Schrage Fairbanks, AK I'm grateful for family and friends, good neighbors, fun times with the grandkids, successful surgery and radiation treatments completed, music, books, church family, and for cards/letters received in the mail.

> Kathy Welch Fairbanks, AK

I am thankful for my new massage therapist. Melissa Kelsey is amazing! She held my feet and I felt like I was levitating!

I am also thankful for deep realizations and healing in this time of isolation.

Yatibaey Evans Fairbanks, AK





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Just wanted to thank you for providing the thank you cards. I smile when I receive them, and again, as I'm sending someone a short note of thanks! It's businesses like yours that make Fairbanks so special, especially during this crazy pandemic.

Lisa Williamson Fairbanks, AK

I am so very thankful for the sacrifices my parents made to allow me the opportunities I've been fortunate to experience. It was their selflessness and love that taught me the importance of extending support and kindness to all those in my life and community.

Angela Head Fairbanks, AK



2020 forced us to find adventures in Alaska that we normally seek out of state. So happy we didn't miss the chance to see the Alaska Range up close and land at the Denali base camp.

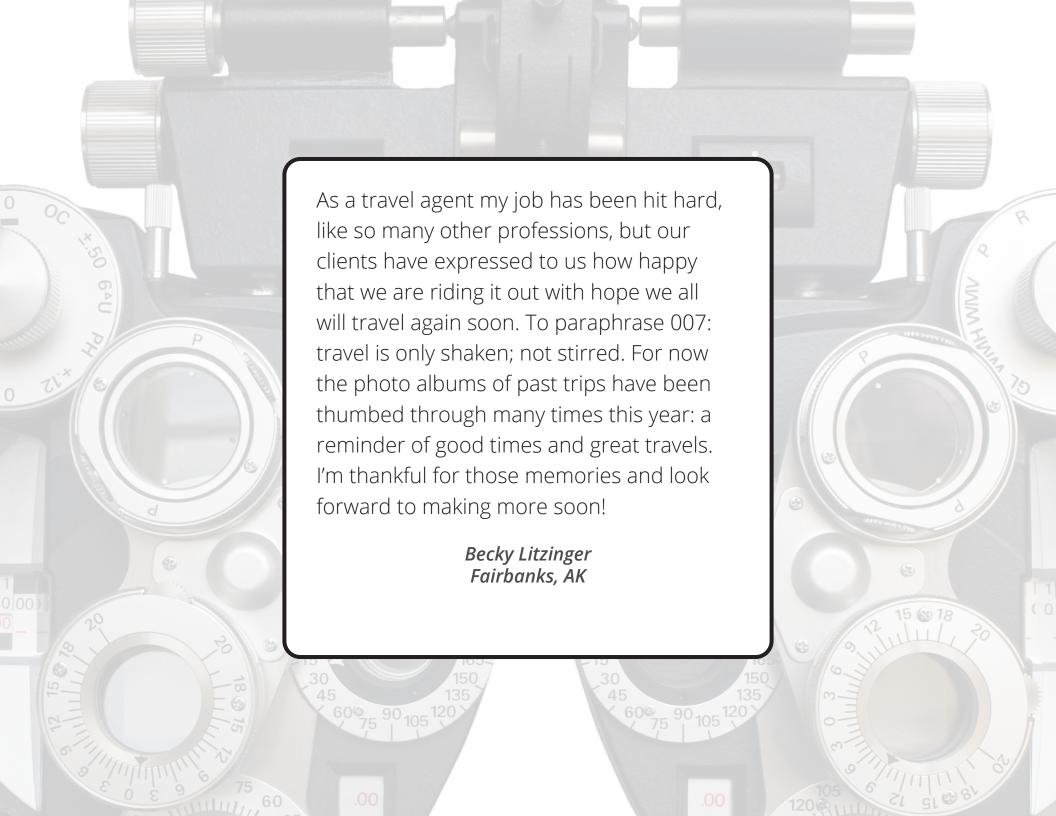
Sarah Schacher Fairbanks, AK

I'm grateful for time with my family, the ability to create art with my friends, and puppies.

> Emily Anderson Los Angeles, CA







There is nothing like a world pandemic to make you think about your life. At times I grieve for the people we did not see, the celebrations we did not attend, and the places we did not go. But then I feel incredibly grateful that we are financially secure and have wonderful friends

Perhaps the most interesting part of the experience is that life has slowed down a bit and we have connected virtually with people we do not often see or hear from. For example, my aunt's 100th birthday party celebration was held by Zoom with the happy result that first cousins and friends attended who would not have been at the in-person event. The happiest moments of 2020 have been when, instead of grieving for what we could not do, we focused on creatively thinking of new things to do and new ways to connect.

I look forward to being able to see people more in person, and I miss hugs, but 2020 has also had very rich moments of connection for which I am so very grateful.

Joan Braddock Fairbanks, AK KIK

Thankful for snow, for friends, for love, for compassionate people. Thankful for the clean air and water. Thankful for community!

Somer Hahm Fairbanks, AK

I am grateful for this new-found time at home to spend with my family. I also appreciate the opportunity COVID has presented to assess what is truly important at work, home and play. I like change and the current situation allows me to adapt and explore new ways to get work done.

Tammy Tragis-McCook Fairbanks, AK



I am thankful to live in a wonderful community that takes care of each other and to have health, love, and happiness in such uncertain times.

> Katie Dillon Fairbanks, AK

I am grateful that I am in a position that I can take this year as an opportunity to learn and grow.

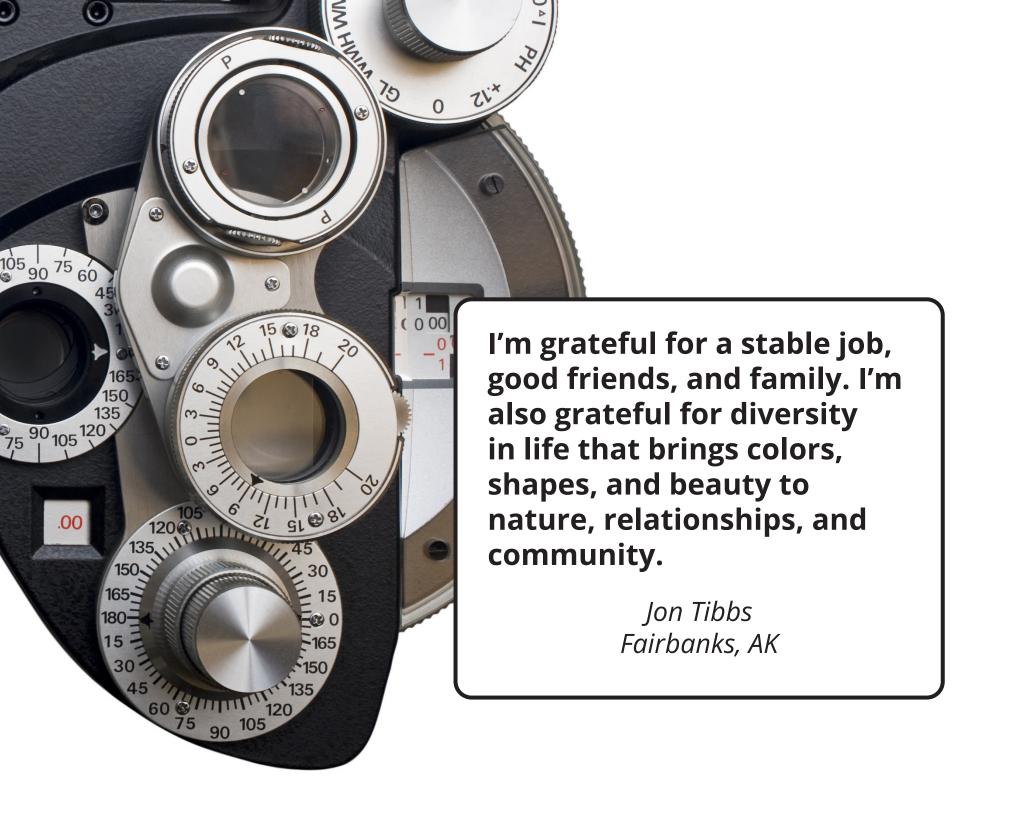
Sean Clark

I am thankful to all the Fairbanks educators who have made this unprecedented year a little bit better for each of their students. They didn't give up and have helped families and students navigate these uncertain times and let us know we are all in this together.

> Brandy Harty Fairbanks, AK

I am grateful for my family and friends. During the pandemic I have been able to spend a lot of quality time with my wife and kids, visiting friends and family around our beautiful state. I am also grateful for my community and how we are supportive of each other. I'm grateful for my business that allows me to work from home to focus on my wife and kids while still helping my clients reach their personal financial goals.

José Martinez Fairbanks, AK I'M THANKFUL FOR family y health. My friends. **#THXFBX** TAKE A PHOTO AND SHARE IT!



I'm grateful for the opportunities I've been given. In 2020 I've been showered with very different opportunities than ever before - to grow in uncomfortable directions, to embrace a smaller existence, to make a competitive sport out of changing course, to ask for help more freely, to offer help more quickly, to renew dormant connections and to forge brand new ones, and to search for happiness in untraveled places without leaving the house.

I'm also quite grateful that the new normal means that people are much more likely to accept my random FaceTime calls without hesitation.

Lauren Hatty Fairbanks, AK

While we often talk of the challenges this year and this pandemic have brought, I am equally grateful for the extra time at home it has bestowed; for the opportunity to pause on the chaos that was life and slow down; to enjoy more moments with the kids; and to learn what my real priorities are.

Brianna Reagan Fairbanks, AK

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I am so thankful and filled with gratitude for my health and the love of my God, family and friends.

> Natalie Gaskins Fairbanks, AK

I appreciate the good from our world's pandemic: the extra time at home with my family, the flexibility of my employer, the chance to pursue some of my hobbies. I'm grateful for the opportunity to slow down, smell the roses, and be thankful!

Lorna Shaw Denver, CO

I'm thankful for love, family, friendships, nature, purposeful work, kindness, connection, possibilities, creativity, patience, healing, growth, fun, and curiosity.

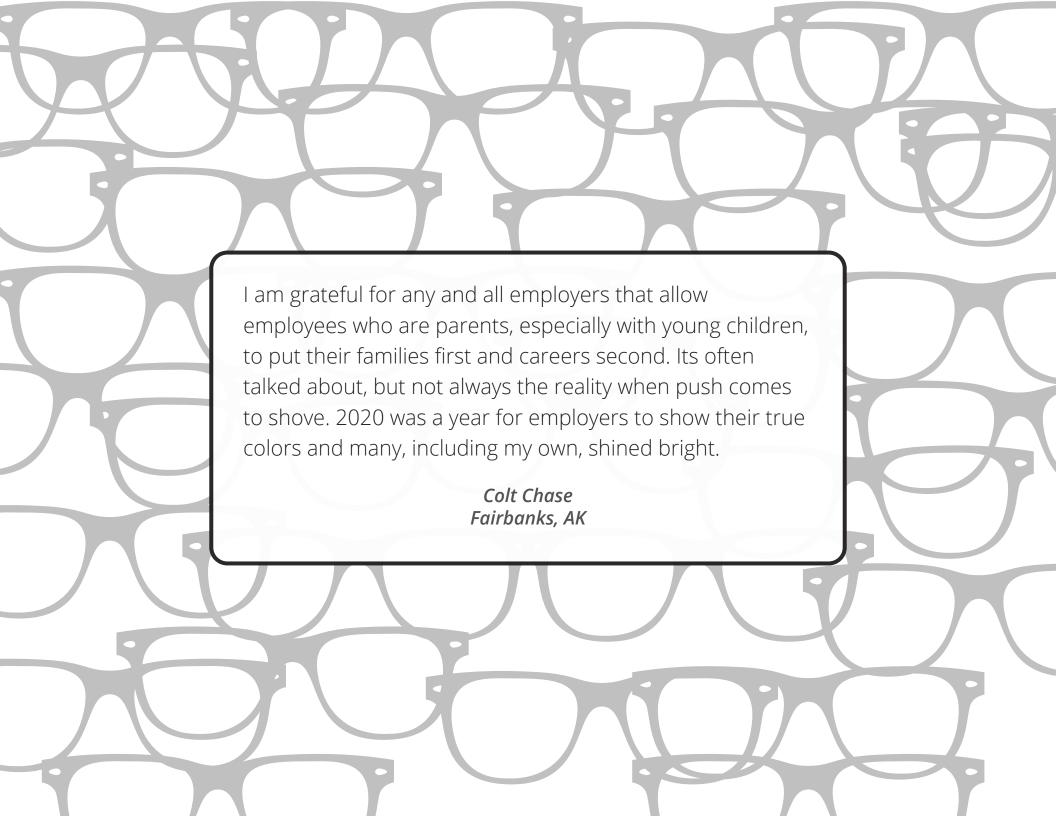
Solveig Pedersen Anchorage, AK I'm grateful for the awesome trails system around Fairbanks and the opportunity to explore locally and create new adventures!

> Mike Lund Fairbanks, AK





SPEND A WEEK THANKING YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER FOR SMALL THINGS LIKE MAKING THE BED, DOING THE DISHES, OR FOLDING THE LAUNDRY AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR RELATIONSHIP.



I'm grateful for the patience, good nature and fundamental community ethic of so many of the people I encounter from day to day. It's what makes Alaska a special place, and I hope the cynicism and fractiousness of our national politics never drives it out of us. There are beautiful places all over the world; kind people are in shorter supply.

Tom Hewitt Anchorage, AK

Grateful for my wife, my boxer dog, and the opportunity to impact people through the internet.

> Greg Faxon Burlington, VT

I am grateful for my loving family, for a caring community, a beautiful state and the freedoms that our awesome country provide us. So many day to day things that we might take for granted that I am grateful for too!

> Greg Martin Fairbanks, AK

I am thankful for the community of Fairbanks that embraces those who are new and that the community steps up whenever they can! Fairbanks people take care of their own, and its beautiful to see & participate in! I am grateful to call this city home!

Taylor Hallgrimson Fairbanks, AK MK You so the state of the stat

I am very grateful to be healthy and safe with my family. I am so grateful that I live in a safe home, have a job and the ability to continue to learn and grow even during this worldwide pandemic. My faith in our Heavenly Father's love and guidance has been an abundant source of strength during times of trials.

Katrina Paul Fairbanks, AK



Grateful, blessed, appreciative...
just a few words that express
my feelings about getting to live
and own a business in Alaska.
There's nothing more comforting
than knowing you belong to
a community that's so full of
kindness, generosity and support,
especially during tough times.
Alaska is certainly a big state with
an even bigger heart.

Patrice Swanson Fairbanks, AK

## I'M THANKFUL FOR







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I'm grateful for the technology that has kept us connected with family and friends!

> Shea Bredlie Fairbanks, AK

I am grateful for the innovation, creativity, and solidarity that adversity can bring to the forefront. They can be there no matter the circumstances, but they're not always as appreciated as they are in difficult times.

> Nick Morrill Fairbanks, AK

The students of our community are truly inspirational. I am eternally grateful for their resiliency and positivity. Through hardship and uncertainty, they are willing to keep doing the hard work and moving us forward. They are the best part of my job and I miss them like crazy!

I am also thankful for the support and encouragement that keeps coming from my Wolfpack Community. The kindness and understanding from students, parents, and staff are what keeps me going through the long and hard days.

Sarah Gillam Fairbanks, AK



I am grateful for my family and friends, that I have a warm nice place to live, my parents, and the fact that every day I can go to Date-Line and do my school work. I am also grateful for Izzy and Earl.

Maddy Welch Fairbanks, AK I am grateful for the unexpected encounters, brief interactions, and chance introductions that have lead to lifelong friendships, which have changed the trajectory and quality of my life for the better.

Latonya Woods Ann Arbor, MI

Twenty twenty has really put gratitude on the map. I am thankful for the US Mail that carries my unexpected letters of gratitude to fellow friends and family that are also struggling with quarantine. I am thankful for my job that continues to thrive and provide to those that are in need. I am thankful for my mentor who pushes me to live my best life. I am thankful for those that I lead and mentor. I am thankful that twenty twenty can't beat us. We are all in this together and we are going to kick its ass. #TakeThat2020

Anna Gould Anchorage, AK I am thankful for many things, but definitely my job and my boss. I had just started working about a month and a half before we were all sent home to work due to the pandemic. Everyone was so gracious about me learning while we were all away from the office, and the health and safety of the employees were obviously first priority at all times. I'm thankful to have the support of such an amazing team.

Christina Tachick Fairbanks, AK I'm thankful for time spent outdoors and with my family, for my favorite season (fall), for being healthy, and for the chance to do work that I love.

> Amy Nordrum Long Island City, NY

I'm so grateful for the generous and warm Fairbanks souls who lifted their voices with me in song; the love and friendships that formed during the music-making in this cold and beautiful land will forever resonate in my soul, and warm my heart in perpetuity.

Emerson Eads South Bend, IN



I am thankful for the opportunity to slow down and spend more time with my family in the beautiful outdoors!

> Liya Billa Fairbanks, AK

I'm thankful for my family, friends and job!

Maria Tesiro Fairbanks, AK

I want to express how grateful I am for God's creation.

Joan Riggs Fairbanks, AK I'm grateful for the few but very dear friends who've helped me get this far through 2020.

Ronn Murray Fairbanks, AK & Kailua-Kona, HI

I am grateful beyond measure for LOVE and all the glorious and often unexpected ways it shows up in the world...romantic love, familial love, looking out for each other love, kind word love, building each other up love, acts of service love, holding hands and hugging love, time together love, unexpected gifts love, honest love, tough love, self love, bold love, powerful love, gentle love, beautiful love, love from above, love within, love between, spirited love, love serene, anxious love, love carefree, patient love...I'm grateful for all the love that comes to me!

> Tracy Snow Fairbanks, AK

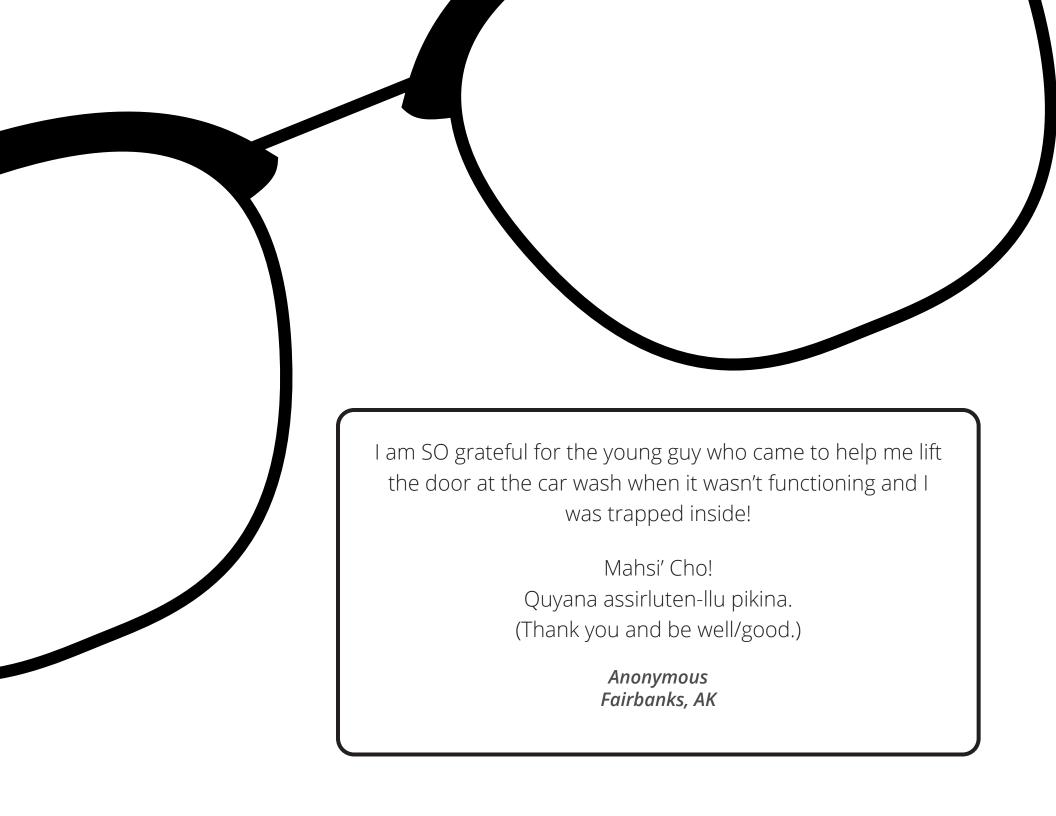
I am grateful for my family. They have made some major sacrifices as stage 4 cancer during a pandemic has been a challenge. They have made 2020 enjoyable and entertaining.

I especially appreciate our community members that are working diligently to keep the Fairbanks community safely working.

Fairbanks Cancer Center has the most caring and attentive staff. Amazing work by amazing people. They have my life in their hands and they have prolonged it. I am so thankful for Dr. Jacqueline Cox and Dr. Essam Shihadeh.

I am thankful for our church. Friends Community Church has been a constant and consistent blessing to our family.

> Sonya Ramstad Fairbanks, AK



I'm grateful for my workplace and industry. We've been able to safely keep people working during COVID, which allowed the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities to deliver over \$65M in construction projects around the Fairbanks area (over \$500M throughout Alaska). The vast majority of projects are constructed by local contractors with local residents. At a time when so many businesses have reduced revenue, are laying off staff, and many families are struggling to make ends meet, I'm grateful that we've been able to keep people working, improve safety and mobility with projects, and continue to be an economic driver for Alaska.

> Mike Lund Fairbanks, AK

I'm grateful for my husband and kids. I'm grateful for the military family and church family we have overseas. Being separated from family is hard but we've had an amazing support system here! I'm thankful for my business, the joy that it's brought this year, and for my team and the community we have built! I'm thankful for Jesus, the freedom He's given me and the love, grace and mercy He has shown me!

> Taylor Marie Bercot Italy



I am grateful and humbled by all those working in critical infrastructure jobs during this crisis. That includes those in the medical profession, public safety, military, statewide industry, grocery, hospitality, transportation, and more. It has reminded me of the importance of saying "thank you" every time I buy groceries, call for a medical appointment, go through TSA, or step on and off an airplane.

Marilyn Romano Anchorage, AK

I am so grateful for all of the people in our community that pitch in and help out. We really are all on the same team and everyone that does whatever they can for whoever they can makes all the difference. Seemingly small gestures can have lasting impact - they tell others, "I care about you and want to help." We all feel like it's "me against the world" right now… thank you for reminding me that it's US against the challenges we face.

Justin Seavey Healy, AK I'm thankful for defining myself by WHY I do things rather than WHAT I do. When this thing called COVID hit (not sure if you're aware of it...) a bulk of my work involved travel, speaking, and facilitating at live events. That disappeared in a matter of days. Our team pivoted with purpose. We found new ways to bring our cause of creating a more inspired, safe and fulfilled world to life. Through live virtual events, a podcast and on demand online classes, among other things and more to come. Just last week I was able to conduct sessions in Germany, Grand Rapids, Michigan and North Bay, Ontario in a mere 24 hour period. I never could have done that before. That's pretty cool and I'm thankful for it.

I'm also SO thankful that 9 months into a pandemic, my family is together and doing as well as we can.

Stephen Shedletzky Toronto, Ontario

I'm grateful for a good cup of coffee. I start my day with coffee made by my loving partner, who, by the way, wakes up early each day to go to work so that he can be home early to provide care for our children in the afternoons. I'm grateful that I can be home in the mornings and work from home so that I can be available for my children. I'm grateful for virtual meetings. I may be alone on that one, but I'm grateful that video technology has allowed me to function in my role and work collaboratively with my team without missing a beat. I'm grateful for my team. I work with an amazing, inspiring, and driven team of professionals. I'm grateful for downtime. For me, this takes on many forms including exercise, sketching, gardening, and serving others. Sometimes, it means sleeping in on a Saturday. I'm grateful for my family, by blood and by choice. I'm grateful for Fairbanks. When I first arrived in Fairbanks, I thought it was a temporary stop on my journey. I've been here since 2006 and now my roots are firmly settled and nourished by everything that makes Fairbanks incredible. Lael Oldmixon Fairbanks, AK

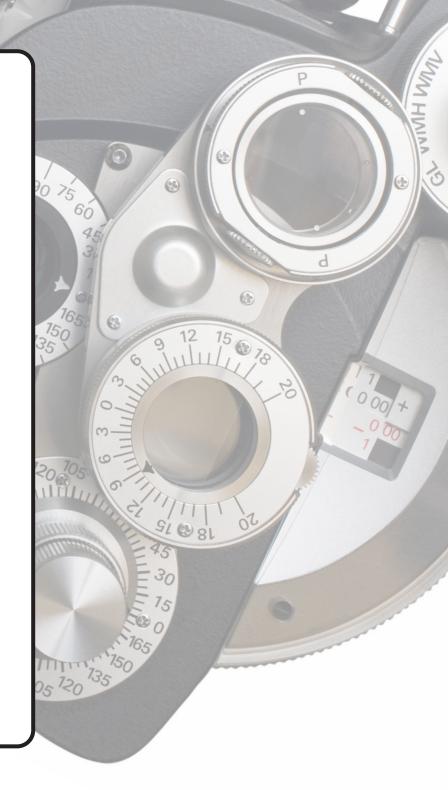


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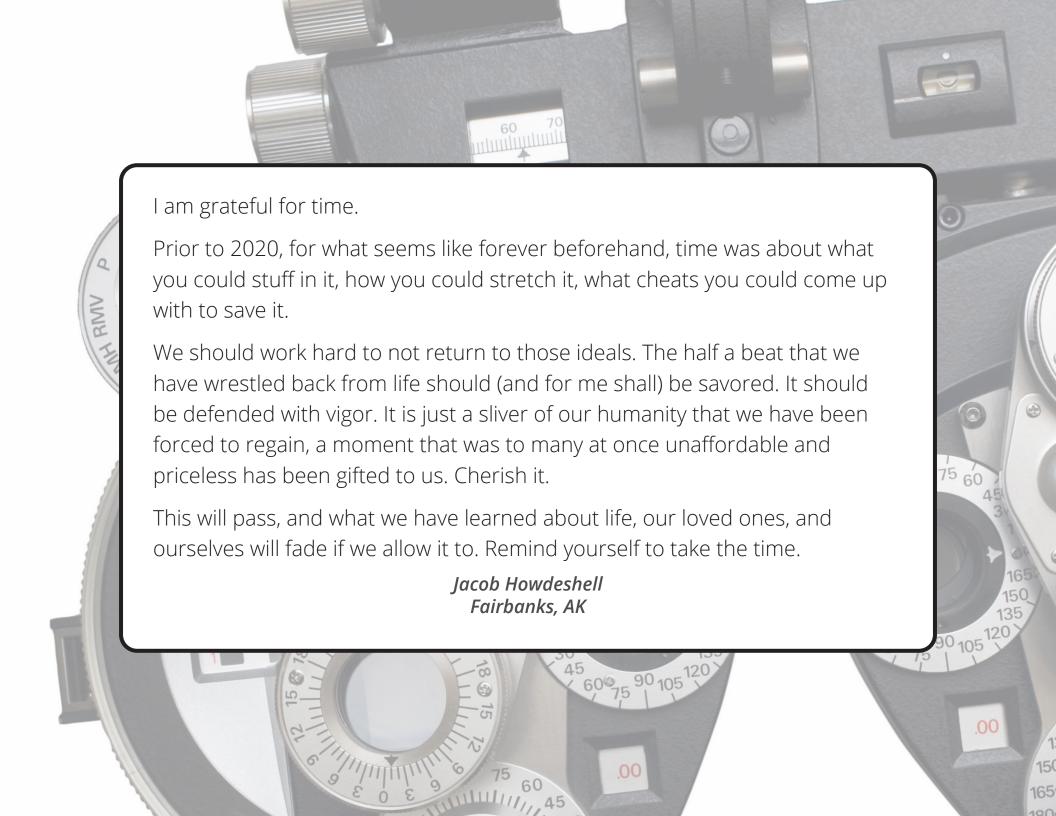
I'm grateful for all the support from people at many levels who have stepped up to the plate from the beginning of this pandemic. What amazes me is how these amazing people found and shared their generosity and love. It is unfathomable to even begin to express my gratitude. There is a verbal expression of gratitude in my Yup'ik language that I heard growing up: QUYANA. It has been loosely translated as "thank you", but it's more than that. When expressed, the person saying this is extending gratitude from within his or her soul. I want to express that to all the health care providers, first responders, Dr. Fauci, Dr. Zink, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corportation, Norton Sound Health Corporation, Southcentral, Tanana Chiefs Conference, and MANY other health organizations state wide for their untiring support for all of us. Quyana nangyuilngurmek (Quyana with no end).

> Walkie Charles Fairbanks, AK



The thing I am most grateful for during the COVID-19 pandemic is time spent with my two boys and husband at home. Usually, we are so busy with sports, school, etc, that we rarely slow down. I am thankful for the opportunity to spend time with them daily, and have them home under one roof since they both play competitive hockey. I can't wait for competition to resume—but in the meantime, I am cherishing every moment.

Michelle Renfrew Fairbanks, AK



This year has felt like a much needed pause and a time of discovery with our kids.

We spent days making meals together and laughing around the table. We went on adventures in the woods and enjoyed the slow pace of life in our garden. We spent time in the living room reading good books, playing games and watching family movies. We had a lot of honest conversations, wrestled through issues of the heart and learned to love each other more intentionally.

It hasn't always been pretty or easy, but as I look back at all we did it feels like a treasure and I am so grateful that our schedules were cleared and we were able to invest this year in our home as we continue to learn what it means to be a family.

Eric Gettinger Fairbanks, AK We are grateful that we've been forced to slow down. We've stayed home more, have been able to work together & spend extra time with our kids.

Melissa Osborn & Jeremy Worrall Fairbanks, AK

I am grateful for a loving family, a lovely home, an education, my cousin Maddy, and Earl.

> Izabella Martinson Fairbanks, AK

I am not originally from Fairbanks and moving up here has honestly been such a blessing I never saw coming. I am grateful for this community and what it has done for my family and for our business.

Fairbanks is something special and getting to grow a business here is honestly the best. I am grateful for the hearts of the people I get to call my dear friends up here and I am beyond grateful for Jesus and Him never leaving my side. Especially this year and in this season of life when I needed Him most.

Amber Boggs Fairbanks, AK I am so very grateful for my rural life, and the ability to still live a life I love in spite of this life altering pandemic.

Jodi Bailey Fairbanks, AK

I'm thankful for the challenges in life. They remind me that I need to improve to deal with them. I'm thankful God gives us what we need, not just what we want.

John Denny Fairbanks, AK I am blessed and thankful for so much! My health. The opportunity to travel less for work and spend more time with my wife and children during this crazy pandemic. Amazing friends that have helped make things normal and an amazing company that has supported me and my colleagues through the craziness of 2020.

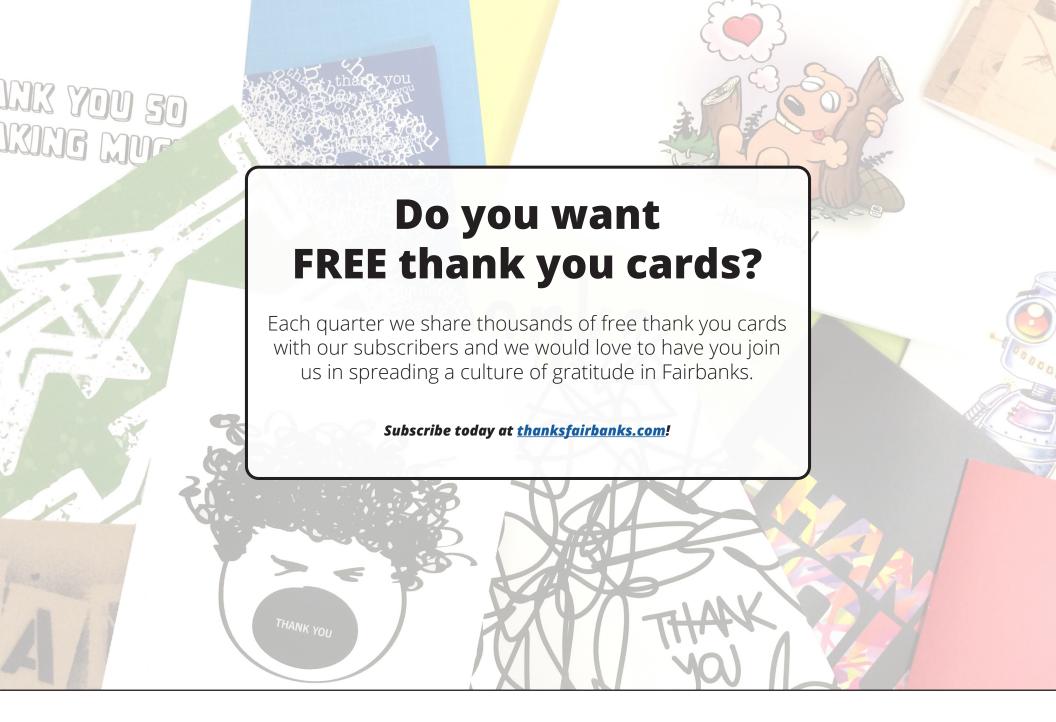
Sandy Knechtel Anchorage, AK

I'm a glass-half-full kind of person but even I have had to be more intentional in my gratitude this year. As I reflect on 2020 I can see that I have much to feel grateful for. There have been opportunities to develop and grow, and challenges to overcome and conquer. I have been able to explore new places and try new experiences. I have made new friends and connected more deeply with old friends. I have spent the most time with the people I hold most dear. My family has grown and so has my heart. When the days are long or hard, I choose gratitude.

> Marisa Sharrah Fairbanks, AK







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