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Dear IEHA Members,

It is truly an honor and a pleasure to serve as your Indiana Extension Homemakers Association State President for the 2026-2027 year. I am especially grateful for the opportunity to serve our organization for a second time, having previously held this role in 2022-2023. IEHA holds a special place in my heart, and I look forward to another year of growth, connection, and service together.

One of the highlights from my previous term was the Pocket Heart initiative, where, through simple acts of random kindness, we were able to scatter over 50,000 pocket hearts across our communities, our 50 states, and even reach other countries in just one year! The impact of those small gestures was incredible, and I am excited that we will continue this meaningful project in the coming year. In addition, we will explore and share new ways to spread kindness – reaching our friends, neighbors, and even those we may never meet, but who may need it the most.

This year's theme, **“The Heart of IEHA”**, reflects what brings us all together. Each of us joins IEHA for different reasons – education, leadership, community service, personal growth, and even friendships. Yet at the core, we are united by a shared passion for making a difference in our families and communities. We also recognize the value this organization brings into our own lives, enriching us individually as much as collectively.

As we begin this new year, I encourage each of you to reflect on this question: **What is your Heart of IEHA?**

I am looking forward to traveling across the state, visiting your counties and districts, and seeing firsthand the wonderful work you are doing. Hearing your ideas, stories, and successes is something I truly cherish. I will also be there to help support you through the struggles that your clubs or counties may be facing.

Thank you for your continued support and for the time, energy, and dedication you give to IEHA. Together, we will continue to make a meaningful impact.

With the Heart of IEHA,

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