

INTERHAB UPDATE

First Quarter, 2020

The first quarter of 2020 kicked off with a legislative push - InterHab members joined together and advocated to ensure support was included in the budget for IDD providers in Kansas. A 5% IDD provider rate increase was signed into law and represents the largest single rate increase for the IDD system since 1996. In late February our focus was unexpectedly and drastically shifted to the COVID-19 pandemic, response, and needs. It has been a difficult time for all, but InterHab will continue to assist the IDD community every single day.

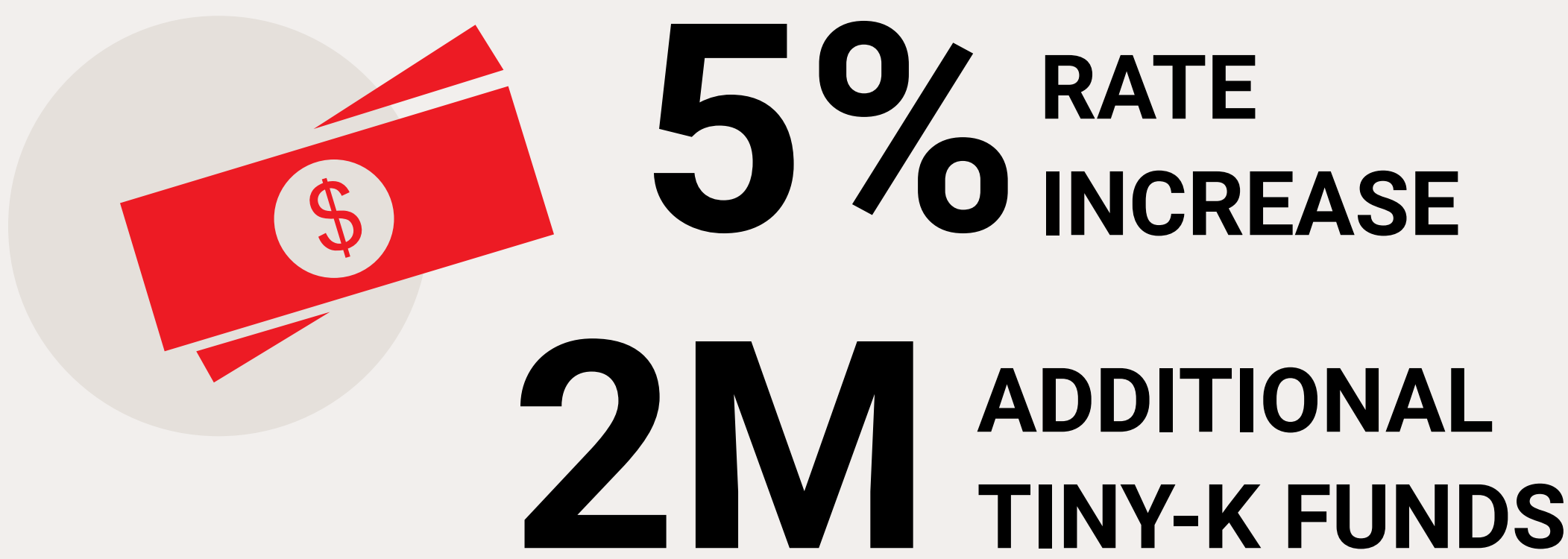


Check out the work InterHab accomplished this quarter!

The first three months busy with succesful advocacy work, followed by the unexpected COVID-19 pandemic.

InterHab members worked closely this legislative session to ensure a 5% rate increase for IDD providers, along with additional funds for tiny-k. Pictured here is a group of InterHab members spending a day at the statehouse to ensure Kansans with IDD were not forgotten during the budget process. Thank you to all our members and your advocacy!

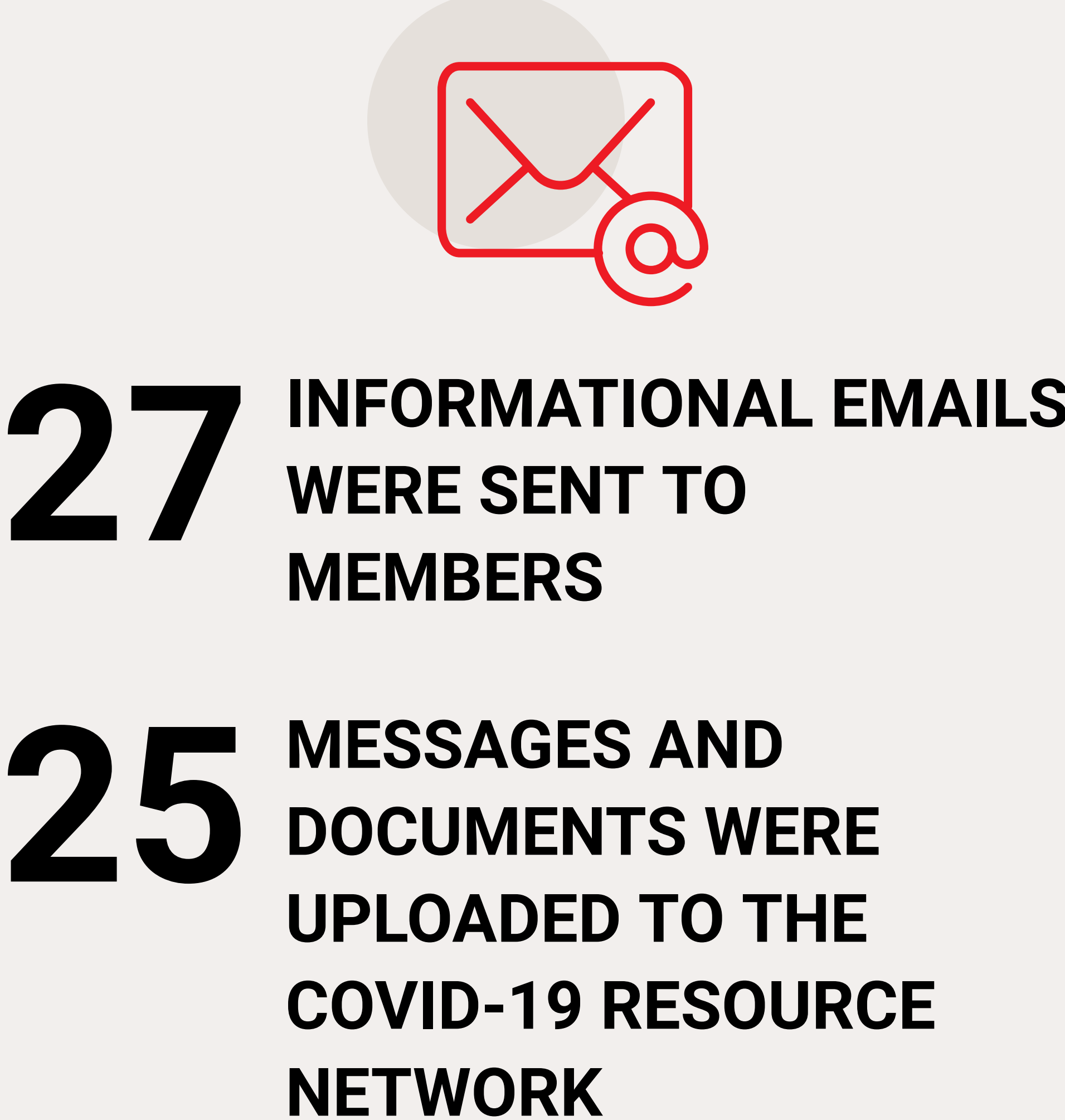
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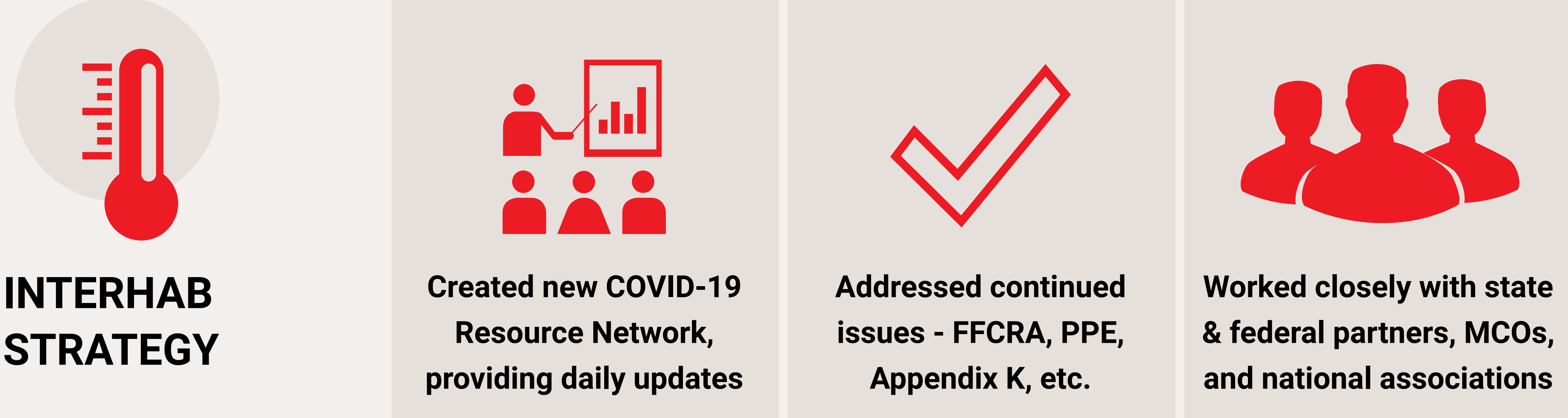
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COVID-19 COMMUNICATIONS



COVID-19 RESPONSE



InterHab will continue to assist members in all COVID-19 pandemic needs.

Safe Harbor

Written by: Matt Fletcher



The events that transpired in the first quarter of 2020 could have filled an entire year... and then some... As the year began to unfold, InterHab engaged state policymakers on Final Rule, IDD waiver amendments, TCM and oversight concerns. The association also led the charge within the legislature on new resources for the IDD system, new support options for Kansans with IDD who also have behavioral health needs and elimination of the state's IDD waiting list. By March, \$22 million in new IDD funds had been added to the legislature's budget for SFY 2021. That budget bill was signed into law by Governor Kelly.

But March also brought a new issue... COVID-19. InterHab engaged the state early in March to discuss IDD system needs in light of the growing pandemic. Since that time, InterHab has remained in constant contact with the state, MCOs and federal counterparts in order to help the IDD provider network adapt to this unprecedented crisis. InterHab has connected its members to resources, provided information and expertise to state policymakers and forged new partnerships with businesses in order to improve circumstances for Kansans with IDD.

We greatly appreciate the ability to continue serving each of our members during this difficult time. And we truly believe that our combined efforts during the second quarter of 2020 will yield brighter days and calmer seas.

Welcome Holden Sawyer Shreve to the InterHab Family!"

Holden joined the team on 2.26.20 weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces and 19 1/4 inches tall.

