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>> DIANA ALVEAR: Hey, happy Friday I'm Diana Alvear thanks so much for joining us on Up to Speed Live.

And just want to give you a heads-up that next week is pretty big on Wednesday we have our quarterly earnings webcast happening Hans and the Leadership Team will be live talking us through the results and we'll be giving away some prizes so make sure you pencil that in on Wednesday it's a can't miss episode.

All right so let's run through the week's highlights it was a positive week filled with positive news we're going to start with two incredible V Teamers who told us their stories, Ricardo Gattas-Mora told us his story of meeting his husband adopting their beautiful baby boy and the book they wrote to celebrate adoption.

Ricardo shared how Verizon has been by his side throughout it all.

We also met Kamil Gani he's an engineer from Chicago, Illinois and a devout Muslim who found acceptance and support for his daily religious practices at Verizon.

And Up to Speed's Jess Bonardi told us how she brings V Teamers' stories to life.

I got the opportunity to shoot with her yesterday.

Love her.

Tuesday we showed you why kindness is cool through the Kindness Murals brightening up several cities around the country as part of our Call for Kindness Campaign we'll talk a little more about it later in the show Thursday oh, my gosh we celebrated five years of Up to Speed and we took a look back on some of our favorite moments throughout the years.

Oh that's good stuff there.

All right let's get to today, the Verizon sisterhood is back.

And by that I mean that we have a new letter from Tami, Rima and Christy to tell you about they published a joint letter today on how we range of motion committed to creating a future of work that works for all women and it starts with Women's CoLab as we build out a constellation of resources and content to help women thrive in the workplace you can stay in the know all you have to do is sign up for the Women's

CoLab email list you'll be the first to learn of new developments and details and of course we have a link to it in today's story.

Now let's turn to some business news.

Ciao Visirun, buongiorno Verizon Connect probably not the greatest but that's the story Visirun is now Verizon Connect in Italy and that means that customers get a one-stop approach to fleet management software solutions and services.

We're also talking about Hyper Precise Location, some other big news now offered to Verizon customers and application developers in more than 100 major U.S. markets and here is how it works when paired with Verizon's 5G Edge capabilities, HPL enhances satellite location--based accuracy from a range of meters to even just centimeters.

We're talking 1 to 2 centimeters.

It's a game changer for vehicle-pedestrian safety always a win there.

5G Business Internet is expanding to 21 cities it's a leap from 3 markets to now 24. And it's a new kind of Business Internet.

It's a fixed wireless alternative to cable.

That leverages Verizon 5G Ultra Wideband for businesses of all sizes.

Get this, no data limits.

No throttling.

And customers can lock in a low price for ten years no long-term contract required. Now, have you heard about Verizon's partnership with Univision so get ready Liga MX fans for a 5G viewing experience of the most watched soccer league in the U.S. through this partnership Univision will launch the TUDN Vision content portal experience that means 360 camera views and up close to the action with players, spectators and more and the first game this Saturday, April 17th, 2021.

You've got America versus Cruz Azul.

We've got some big Verizon Media news to turn to yesterday Verizon Media announced Mind Together, it's a coalition of brands working to address mental health and set a new standard in how employees are supported at work.

And the goal of Mind Together is to destigmatize mental health at work through education, awareness campaigns and expert-led sessions.

So timely.

We've got Citizen Verizon news, too, Verizon committed to planting 20 million trees by 2030.

This year when you purchase one of Verizon's ecofriendly accessories, you see them there like the Sustainable Lite Cases, Verizon is planting a tree in your honor up to 1 million trees.

That's the Archana equivalent of 55 Central Parks.

So these accessories are also 25% off.

They can be found on Verizon.com.

And we're going to add a link in today's story so if you're in a shopping mood today hey you got paid make a difference for the planet.

So next Monday is the start of National Volunteer Week.

And the second of our featured partnerships is with the Women's Earth Alliance. So as part of this 1 trillion tree initiative, the Women's Earth Alliance is hosting a hands-on tree planting demonstration this is where you learn about climate positive climb impacts such as tree planting for climate mitigation improving food security erosion control and women's income through tree nursery microenterprises. And remember that Volunteer Portal is awesome.

If there's a -- if there's something you care about you can find something to do even Virtual Volunteer activities which these days are some of the easiest to do and when you do volunteer of course we want to know here at Up to Speed.

All you have to do is send an email to good@Verizon.com that's our mailbox you may see yourself your pictures your activities in the show.

Speaking of good now we're going to dive a little deeper into our Kindness Murals project that's lighting up the country we have ten cities, ten murals.

All in the name of kindness.

From coast to coast.

Local artists showing us their interpretation of the word kindness as part of our Call for Kindness Campaign.

And so cool, one of the features of the murals is that they each have a QR code so each code has a video message from a local retail rep that reminds us to spread kindness and of course hey the doors are open come by and see us so you can find all of the murals all of the locations linked in today's story.

And don't forget, speaking of kindness, spread your version of kindness through the Friends & Family promo code it's on the Friends & Family about you page. You share.

They save.

Okay so I told you this is a really positive show.

We always love to send you off into the weekend with some good news.

So we're going to show you some members of the Wireline Network Operations team who said hello and some really sweet messages to some of our elderly partners with Love Hack take a look.

>> Hi my name is Tom reaching out from North Greenbush New York.

>> I'm Michelle from Albany, New York.

>> Hi I'm Dan greetings from New Jersey.

>> My name is Yoli.

>> My name is Michelangelo from Verizon.

>> This is Scott with Verizon.

>> This is from Albany, New York.

>> You matter. You are loved. You are amazing.

>> DIANA ALVEAR: What beautiful messages, imagine being on the receiving end of those you feel so special, special shoutout to my girl Yoli.

Love you.

Always doing good.

Okay.

So next Monday, we are back live with you.

You'll always want to stick around for live shows because you never know what may happen and of course Wednesday put it in your calendar.

It's our quarterly earnings webcast.

Live here in Up to Speed.

At 12 p.m. Eastern 9 a.m. Pacific as you see him there our fearless leader Hans and the rest of the Leadership Team will be joining us to talk results and give away some prizes. Okay so that's going to do it for me today.

We've got a big week coming up.

Make sure you rest this weekend do some good and maybe get a jump on volunteer week and do some kind things for others.

Kindness is the way.

Stay safe.

Reach out to your loved ones.

I'm Diana Alvear.

Thank you so much for hanging out with me today.

And by the way, I've got some friends, actually one particular friend, who would like to send us off today.

>> Hi I'm Jabari Bridgewater New Jersey coming to you now and until next time you're Up to Speed.

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