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Dear fellow residents,

As mayors in this community, we've pledged to do what we can to make sure that the quality of life we all enjoy continues. There are people right now in our community who are trying to figure out how they will weather these economic times, and people who may slide through only mildly scathed. For all of our neighbors who are in need or who will need direction, we think it's important for us to share with you some of the things that are happening at GRACE right now. In fact, in **February alone:**

- **32 new families came to GRACE for help**
- **\$29,038 in food was distributed to 550 individuals**
- **105 people received donated clothing**
- **\$28,113 of financial assistance was provided to over 120 families**
- **12 new patients were seen at the clinic for a total of 196 services provided**
- **18 families found shelter in our Transitional Housing program - including 28 children!**

However, the increased need and a sharp decrease in individual contributions has led GRACE to:


- **DENY assistance to 56 families**
- **TURN AWAY 28 families because of lack of funds**
- **MAX OUT assistance for 14 families**
- **CANCEL one week of acute care clinic because of lack of a volunteer physician**
- **HOLD one apartment open because of lack of necessary "move-in" funds for a transitional housing family**
- **FREEZE all staff salaries and trim overall expenses because of a \$185,000+ shortfall in contributions this year compared to last year**

GRACE has done a phenomenal job over the past 22 years as a nonprofit serving our residents with important health and human services. They have always found the ability to help address the issues noted above and many others like it, but over the last few months, GRACE has seen 40% decrease in individual contributions. Coupled with the increase in service requests, this directly affects the level of assistance they are able to provide to any one client - possibly our neighbors, our friends, and even those who have recently been GRACE donors. You have always found the ability through your personal and business lives to support our neighbors in need through this agency, and we're asking you to step up to the plate again.


While many of the traditional avenues for investing may have failed us recently, we believe that there is no better place to invest than in this community. GRACE has the ability to turn a mere \$10 "investment" into weeks worth of food for a struggling family. Additionally, as they strive to help each family return to self-sufficiency, they are helping to decrease the burden on the taxpaying public. Please consider a personal and meaningful investment now and make a difference not just for GRACE, but for this entire community. Giving is made easy with the enclosed envelope, or on-line at the GRACE website.

For more information about GRACE's mission, programs, locations and volunteer needs, please visit www.gracegrapevine.org.

Sincerely,


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P.S. For those of you who wish to know more about what GRACE has to offer, or feel you might be in need of services yourself, please visit their website or call their number at 817-488-7009.



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