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Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for being a loyal friend of Samaritan House. Like you, I follow all the Samaritan House news via mailings and the local press, and I hope you follow us on social media as well. At meetings of our Board, at our events and through my own volunteer efforts, I have the opportunity to witness firsthand the care and devotion that our extraordinary staff and volunteers bring to their work. Still, I am in awe when I step back from time to time to reflect on how much Samaritan House does in terms of the number of services we offer to those living in poverty, and on the profound impact we have on the lives of each and every person who walks through our doors.

Take the single father who came to us for help because his water was about to be shut off. When he learned that we would pay his water bill and could also make a mortgage payment so that he wouldn't lose his home, he said, "I didn't know you did that!" Yes, we do that, and we do so much more.

In 2015-16 alone, we:

- Opened a **food pharmacy** that supports diabetic clients with education and access to healthy, condition-appropriate foods
- Launched the **League of New Samaritans**, a group of young professionals dedicated to fostering social altruism
- Began a partnership with **Stitch Fix**, the personal styling service, to offer free, new clothes to moms and teen girls in need
- Gave **free flu shots** to clients during our Holiday Program
- Opened a **classroom** at our Safe Harbor Shelter, which hosts workshops on subjects such as financial empowerment and nutrition

These are just a few accomplishments from the 2015-16 year. The enclosed 2016 Annual Report gives much more information about what we are doing to serve our neighbors in need. I hope you'll enjoy reading about Larry and Sam, both of whom were homeless and both of whom now are safe and stable in their own homes.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for making such a big difference in the lives of our vulnerable neighbors. Because of you, we are able to offer integrated services that provide for the whole person – making sure our clients have food, a safe place to sleep, healthcare, work opportunities, and so much more. Most importantly, because of you, we make sure they have hope that today will be better than yesterday, and that tomorrow will be better still.

Sincerely,

William S. Freeman
Board President