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Dear Friend:

Thank you for all you do for St. Elizabeth.

Whether it's your financial contributions, donations of food, clothing and personal hygiene items, volunteering to cook meals or staff the front desks, or simply your interest in our work, we truly appreciate it.

If there's one thing I've learned in my more than 30-year relationship with St. Elizabeth, it's that it takes a community to run a shelter. While I may be new as executive director, I've been a volunteer, a board member, an intern and a case manager. So I've seen the organization from many perspectives and interacted with it at different levels. And at every turn, I've realized how vital community input and support of our efforts is.

On any given day, we can be providing shelter, meals and services to individuals ranging from a newborn and its mother recently discharged from the hospital to an adult with a severe disability or a senior with a terminal illness. The only thing they may have in common is that they are homeless with nowhere else to turn.

Throughout my many years with St. Elizabeth, I've seen firsthand the daily miracles we can provide to our guests – helping people recover from long-term alcohol and/or drug use, address and mitigate crippling physical and/or behavioral healthcare issues, find employment or obtain entitled benefits, and finally move into housing of their own. It can and does happen on a daily basis.

But none of this would be possible without your continued assistance.

Even with all our volunteers, staff salaries are our largest annual expense and would be unaffordable without the generous time and effort of so many of you on our behalf. Similarly, even with government and foundation grants, charitable donations from individuals remain our largest income source with the most significant percentage coming at the end of the year.

I'm hoping we can continue to count on your support this holiday season.

Sincerely,

Edward Archuleta
Executive Director

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