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Dear Friends and Supporters of CCO:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your faithful and ongoing friendship with CCO. I never cease to be amazed at the sheer number of hours, dollars, and various kinds of involvement that so many of you have given to this organization and cause. This organization would be nothing if it weren't for the sacrifices made by you our supporters and activists working on behalf of this community to change lives for the better.

It has been a real privilege for me to serve CCO as a Board President since its founding a number of years ago. It has been such a delight to work with Donna Mae as she has fearlessly led this organization and worked so very hard, season after season, to improve the plight of the homeless in our community and offer real solutions and real opportunity to those who are seeking it. I could not be more proud of the work that we have done here in Durango, and I am excited about what we will continue to accomplish together.

This past December, I officially completed my terms as Board President and am delighted that Stephen Baukat will be taking up the mantle of leadership in this role. From before the beginning days of CCO, Steve has been a tireless worker and supporter of our cause and worked so hard, largely in the background, in nearly every imaginable role – from chauffeur to food delivery, from setting up chairs and tables to encouraging the downcast. Steve has always been one of CCO's MVP's and I am thrilled to see him lead in this way. I will continue to be a board member, although it will be from afar as my wife and I are moving away from Durango.

I am particularly excited about the new opportunities before CCO. We are anticipating a great year full of fruitful service and changed lives. We are receiving some very important grant monies this year that will help us to reach out in ways that were impossible for us in the past. We are seeing organizational growth and amazing opportunities to partner with local organizations and provide services that only CCO can ... none of which would be possible without you!

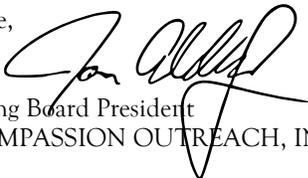
I want you to know that we need you and your support now more than every before. We are at a critical juncture in our growth as an organization, where increasing our capacity to serve is essential for us to continue. Without your support, we just won't be able to get there.

I hope that you will consider making CCO a focus, not only of your volunteer time, but with your financial support as well. For years, CCO staff have been almost exclusively volunteer in order to direct funds to where it is needed most, our client services and housing. We are now at a place where we must devote significant hours to this work and to do that we are needing to employ front line staff to make a better, deeper impact in people's lives.

I want to ask you to consider making a monthly tax-deductible gift of support to CCO this year. Your gift of even \$50 or \$100 or more each month would make a lasting impact on our growing outreach. Our vision is enormous and it will take serious resources to achieve it, but I believe that together we have all we need to get this done. We need you now more than ever, I hope we will be able to count on you too!

Thanks again for all the ways that you have helped us to make a real difference among the most vulnerable in our community. Together, we will continue change lives for the better in 2022!

With much gratitude,



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