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January 31, 2010

Jan Strobe, President, WV HFMA
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Dear Jan Strobe, President and Members of WV HFMA:

Caring with a "heart" is what comes to mind when we think of what you have done for the YWCA Sojourner's Shelter for Homeless Women and Families. We offer you and members of WV Healthcare Financial Management Association, our heartfelt appreciation for your commitment to those less fortunate. Your support of \$1,992.00 was incredibly generous, totally unexpected, and desperately need! You can be assured that each of our residents will benefit from your generosity. Services are provided to *single women, women with children, men with custody of their children and intact families.*

Given the financial challenges that we are facing and the increasing needs of the people we serve (who have no other choice but to call Sojourner's "home"), the hard reality is that during today's economic situation we can't do the work we do without your help! This gift gives us "hope" for a better tomorrow. With so many families in our community confronted with homelessness, we are constantly dealing with the challenge of raising the funds to provide the help and services they so desperately need.

Your gift will help us hold true to our belief that every human being has a fundamental right to adequate food and shelter. Unfortunately, there are many in our community who simply don't have these basic necessities. They are not able to enjoy what many of us take for granted; a warm, clean bed, enough food for their children or the peace of being in a warm, safe environment that they can call home. Your support will assist us in providing the basics, as well as, enabling us to be a conduit to a better tomorrow. Last year, we provided shelter and other supportive services to 1,234 different individuals and 332 were children.

"Thank You" for stepping up to the plate and providing us a lifeline through one of Sojourner's most challenging financial times. Due to the present economic situation, the Sojourner's Program has recently suffered a decrease in revenue including gifts and donations from the community, as well as, United Way and Foundation support.

We believe in the "hand up" rather than the "hand out" philosophy which is one of the reasons our program is so effective. The efforts made by people like you who are willing to give so selflessly in order to make a better life for someone else is truly amazing. Thank you for your extraordinary gift of support; we are truly blessed by your generosity.

Sincerely,

Margaret Taylor, Director
YWCA Sojourner's Shelter for
Homelessness Women and Families

Debby Weinstein, Executive Director
YWCA of Charleston

Note: This acknowledgement of your contributions is in compliance with IRS Section (170)(f)(8)(A). The YWCA of Charleston is a nonprofit organization with a 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Status. We have not provided any tangible benefit to this donor in exchange for their contribution.

Thank you all
for caring about
others! Thanks
for allowing me
to speak at
your event.

You all are wonderful,
and we are grateful!
Jds