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Dear Friends:

The Community Family Center has achieved the first of two major goals:

1. Through the foresight and generosity of the Highland Park City Council, the Community Family Center has a lease, from the city to renovate the Karger Center and transform it into a centrally located, state-of-the-art, energy efficient building to house all five of our constituent agencies.

Now we have to address our second major goal:

2. Raise the funds necessary to rebuild and maintain the Karger Center.

Our constituent agencies have provided the Highland Park/Highwood communities with outstanding early childhood education, child care and family services for a combined total of over 200 years. These agencies will remain as independent service providers but be housed in one centrally located facility at the Karger Center which the CFC will lease from the City of Highland Park for nominal rent. Our agencies are:

- Highland Park Community Nursery and Day Care Center
- Tri-Con Child Care Center (to be merged with a Highland Park Community Nursery School once both are located in the Karger Center)
- Highland Park/Highwood Home Child Care Association
- Family Service: Prevention, Education & Counseling NFP
- Family Network

The future health and vibrancy of our communities depends upon the availability of quality services for children and families. Our agencies presently provide these services, but in substandard condition, many in basements with inadequate lighting and space. Our goal is to centralize and expand these agencies and create synergies in both service delivery and cost savings. Our demographic studies, moreover, demonstrate the substantial need for our planned expanded services, particularly for childcare for children of working families.

We have an ambitious task to raise approximately \$10.5 million to accomplish our goals. We are off to a flying start with the valuable lease of the Karger Center from the City demonstrating the City's commitment to the health and development of our children and families. We already have commitments for approximately \$1.5 million. Please join with us in making the dream of a new community family center a reality.

Cordially,

Herbert S. Wander
President