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Dear Crisis Center supporters:

As valuable and trusted supporters of the Crisis Center, we are writing to update you on some recent changes. Due to budgetary constraints, the Crisis Center has recently had to make some staffing changes and unfortunately had to lay off two employees from our development team.

While this decision was difficult, it was made in the best interest of the future of the agency. It is important to note that none of our direct service client programs will be affected by this change, as all of our direct service staff are grant-funded through the end of 2018. Of our staff of 26, only six are not covered by grant funding: a portion of our management team and our development staff.

The shortfall in our projected year-end budget is due primarily to two factors: a large collaborative event that chose to support a different charity this year, and a change in direction for a couple of our large foundation funders. While we try our best to project year-end income in our budget, changes in timing, focus, priorities and lack of unrestricted income to charitable organizations makes it a moving target throughout the year.

Going in to 2018, and even after making these staffing changes, the Crisis Center is still projecting a budget shortfall. **We need your help.** We need to raise an additional \$80,000 by April 2018. As a current donor, if you are able, please consider increasing the size for your donation in the coming year. If you are not a current donor, please consider re-engaging or giving for the first time. All donations are 100% tax deductible and we encourage you to share the mission of the Crisis Center, and what you value about the agency, with your friends and encourage them to contribute as well. Unrestricted donations from our corporate and individual supporters will help the Crisis Center overcome this deficit and continue to provide life-saving programs and services.

As one client recently put it: "When I realized I was being abused I called the domestic violence hotline and they referred me to the Crisis Center. I am forever grateful for the ongoing support from counselors and peers who understand my situation and really care. I am stronger, more confident and I am ready to move forward to my future with my kids. It has given me hope."

On behalf of those we serve and the impact we have on our community, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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