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Dear Next Door Neighbors,

Summertime is upon us and with it a hope that our economic times will be getting better soon. Next Door, like so many non-profits, is working very hard to keep its head above water. With federal cuts as well as layoffs happening at major Silicon Valley corporations, Next Door is feeling both a decrease in support and an increase in demand for our services. So far, we're hanging in there, but we fear the coming year will be a difficult one. Taking this challenge head on, we are expanding and diversifying our efforts to raise funds wherever we can so that we can help victims of domestic violence and their children find safety, security, and self-sufficiency.

We couldn't do this, however, without your support. Women and children leave violence everyday and take advantage of services that help them remain safe because of your support. You enable their safety. For example, when a child who has repeatedly seen her mother beaten by her father attends our Kids Club and finally understands that it was not her fault, it's because of you that she is able to do so. When a teenage boy who was raised in a violent home finally decides in one of our Teen Support Groups that he is going to leave his gang in order to stay in school, it's because of you that he is able to do so. And, when a woman runs for her life one last time with her child in hand to find safety at our Emergency Shelter, sometimes with nothing but the clothes on their backs and a will to survive, it is because of you that she is able to do so.

They are able to do so because you help Next Door provide victims and their children with the support they need to finally take the steps to leave violence and abuse behind them once and for all. Whether it is through our 24-hour crisis hotline and emergency shelter, legal services that protect victims through restraining orders, or our Language Bank that reaches victims in 37 languages, it is your support that helps them to survive. What follows is an overview of our services that donors like yourselves have helped us provide since 1971. For the 2007-2008 fiscal year, you helped Next Door provide 7,723 ethnically, linguistically and economically diverse individuals with vital services. You have helped our clients make great progress and we are honored that you continue to support their hope to become safe and self-sufficient.

Thank you so much for all that you do to end domestic violence in the moment and for all time.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Krenek".

*Kathleen Krenek, Executive Director  
Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence*