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Dear Friend of Circles:

Every year at this time we ask our many generous supporters to help us provide the financial resources for our programs and services offered to our residents in need here in the Rensselaer community. As I sit down to write this letter normally for our annual Gala, I am struck by the fact that we all find ourselves in the midst of an extraordinary crisis to which we are all vulnerable. Reaching out to you I am already thankful for your selfless support, but knowing the possibility exists that you and/or your family may have been deeply impacted by the effects of the COVID-19 virus. It is times such as this that Mercy is needed more than ever.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused financial havoc and forced us to postpone indefinitely all of our 2020 fundraising events such as our **"A Taste of Mercy" Gala**. Unfortunately it also precludes us in presenting our annual **Hope and Hospitality Award** as well as the **Sister Gail Rieth Volunteer Service Award**.

We are inviting you to join us and our generous sponsors, the Sisters of Mercy Northeast Community, in supporting **Circles of Mercy** - so together we may continue to offer hope, hospitality and empowerment to those truly in need of assistance. Your kindness and generosity will help support our twenty-two year tradition of providing services, where eighty-seven cents of every dollar contributed goes directly back into programs for our client families and individuals.

The funds raised during this effort will help to insure the ongoing success of the Works of Mercy. The Sisters of Mercy and the Circles Board of Trustees would like you to consider making a charitable donation. Our goal is to still try to raise a minimum of \$25,000 to support our Mercy mission.

With the hope and anticipation of your favorable reply, we have included a preaddressed remittance envelope which outline various levels of both corporate and individual contributions. Please know that your consideration of this request would be of tremendous help to us and is certainly most appreciated.

Please join Circles of Mercy to help us continue the tradition and charism of Catherine McAuley, the First Sister of Mercy, as we carry on providing the "works of mercy" especially to those who are most at risk and in need here in our community - namely women and women with children.

With thanks and kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard S. Zazycki".

Richard S. Zazycki, Executive
Director and Mercy Associate

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara L. Dudley R.S.M.".

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