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Dear Friend,

As the newly elected Board Chairman, I am writing you to ask now, more than ever, for your financial help. Please allow me to tell you why.

It's simple—Bradley needs it. He came into our Residential Recovery Program yesterday. I don't know if he is going to make it or not. But I do know he has a chance. Bradley moved into William's former bed. William went home after being on the street, and in and out of jail for two years, and then incarcerated for nine months. Now he is drug and alcohol free.

While William was with us, he worked with his volunteer Budget Advisor, started supporting his family (yes, his family got off of food stamps), and William and his family worked with our counseling staff and successfully dealt with the myriad of issues that made reunification not just possible, but made it a reality! Many residents are fathers, like William and Bradley, whose children have felt the horrible effects of their father's addiction the hardest. Likewise these children will benefit from your support too.

So now it's Bradley's turn. But it's your turn too.

There are others that need a chance as well. With your help we are going to give a chance to as many as we can. This month, with the opening of our newly renovated facility (a 1920's era warehouse that originally served us solely as an emergency winter shelter) 23 new residents will be starting up...on their way to a new life, evidenced by accountability, spiritual growth, and new-found resolve to never again depend on drugs to get them high or charity to get them by. In time, many more people will be helped whose lives have been ravaged by addiction.

We have a very successful residential recovery program for homeless, addicted men. But The Extension is not a place where men in the throes of addiction and despair end up—The Extension is where they *start* up. And expanding our program to serve more people means that we need your support even more. It's a simple matter of deduction: our services are expanding so our financial support needs to expand as well. Please help us grow. Enclosed is an envelope. It's your envelope, your decision. Will we continue to serve without your support? Probably. Could we do more with your support? Definitely.

Bradley, our newest resident, and those that will come to us in the future need that help. And while Bradley now has a chance, his future is nevertheless uncertain. What is certain is how

Bradley got his chance. Those that have supported our organization with their financial gifts, volunteer time, and special talents, make what we do possible. In addition to this, whether or not a person enters our program often depends on whether or not we have space for him. It is a sad fact that we currently turn away over 50 qualified applicants per week!

Of course many of you already support us financially. In addition to expressing my deep gratitude, we want to challenge you to do something else. If you already support us, please give this letter to someone you know who can help, or better yet make copies and share this letter with several others.

As Bradley follows in William's footsteps, please follow in the footsteps of our supporters that have made our success in the past possible. Your support means that those that come to us don't just have a choice—they have a chance. Your support can mean so much to so many.

Thank you.

Robert J. Lintault
Board Chairman