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Dear Eric,

A year ago we were gearing up for an exciting evening of delicious food and live music from award winning musicians in a beautiful winter setting. It was a great night and I was happy to see so many familiar faces. Shortly after *Jazz Up the Winter Blues* last March, the entire world seemed to shut down and our lives have not been the same since.

I'm writing to you today to thank you for your support of Good Shepherd and the best jazz music event in the city. I am grateful for our incredible community of donors who continue to rise to the occasion and support our mission to *Never Stop Loving*. Through your participation in this event, you have helped provide dignity and hope to the people we are honoured to serve.

I wish I was writing to tell you all about the amazing party that we're planning this year but that simply cannot happen. This year would have been our 8th annual *Jazz Up the Winter Blues*! Unfortunately, all of our fundraising events have been either cancelled or completely re-envisioned for 2021. This past year has been the strangest and most challenging we have ever experienced. Good Shepherd has continued our work on the frontlines and unfortunately, the need for our assistance continues to grow.

The increased need for our services has put a significant strain on our resources. This year we must replace the roof on our Family Centre. In a typical year, we would have used the funds raised through *Jazz up the Winter Blues* to pay for this expense. Without being able to rely on the event, we are in dire need of financial donations. I am reaching out to you, our friends, partners and donors for your help.

I hope you will support this program in any way that you can. The importance of Good Shepherd's work and the commitment from our donors has never been more evident than when we face such challenging times.

I will really miss seeing everyone this year at our jazzed up "house party" at the Ancaster Mill. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me anytime by phone at 905.528.6565 x3338 or email CWellwood@gsch.ca. I would be happy to facilitate your donation or answer any questions you may have about the work that we do at Good Shepherd.

Thank you once again for your support. I hope to hear from you soon. Please stay safe, stay healthy and stay positive.



God Bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script.

Cathy Wellwood
Chief Development Officer



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