

FIDELITY HOUSE

FOUNDED IN 1955



Dear Friends,

I have had the incredible and rare privilege of being the Executive Director of Fidelity House for 34 years, nearly all of my adult working life. This same vibrant community center that gave me a place to grow after school as a child, has offered me the most rewarding career I could have imagined as an adult. And like so many of my childhood friends, it offered a guiding light to my children when it was their turn and I want it to do the same for my grandchildren when that time comes.

Fidelity House is always adapting to changing times and the expectations of our growing community. We continually add new and affordable quality programs while providing members with a sense of community, character and connection.

But Fidelity House is at a crossroads. In order to continue to meet the community's needs, we must address the major physical renovations that are necessary to breathe new life into our old, tired building. It is for that reason that I make this personal plea today.

We must raise \$3 Million for a multi-purpose gym and other physical plant improvements. The project will provide handicap accessibility to areas of Fidelity House and additional, much-needed space for new programs. We have been strategic and frugal in considering what must be done. I'm confident this project will have a huge positive impact on the people we serve now and for generations to come.

I am counting on your help – now, more than ever! Your support is extremely important to Fidelity House because it will help provide the resources that will make a lasting impact on your children, your grandchildren and beyond. I ask that you consider a pledge that can be fulfilled over one to three years, or an outright gift if you prefer. Please consider being as generous as you can. It will make all the difference. There is no better investment than investing in the youth of today to help them become productive members of society and the leaders of tomorrow.

There are so many reasons to give, some of the key ones are:

- The approximately 500 children that come through the doors of Fidelity House each and every week
- The 98 hours of programming that are available each week to community youth, from toddlers to high schoolers
- The adults that use Fidelity House for their physical health, family child care and educational needs, or as a place for community gatherings

Fidelity House is committed to ensuring our core values are fostered for decades to come – for you, for your loved ones, for my grandchildren, for every person in the community. With your contribution, and in the proudest of ways, together we will build on tradition.

Warm Regards,

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