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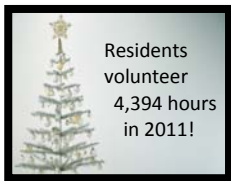
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Single Mothers with Children

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A Holiday Message from COTS...

Happy holidays to all of you!

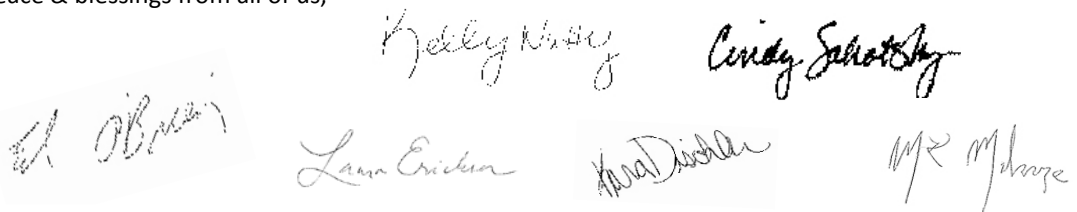
Throughout 2011, we have continued to focus on our mission of effectively ending homelessness in the Fox Valley. A few of the highlights from this year include:

- Creating a sustainable effort on our "Campus of Change."
 This greenhouse is a source of pride & joy to all of us. The spinach is already sprouting!
- Moving five single mother families into independent housing.
- Implementing COTS ServiceWorks helping our residents to strengthen job skills.
- Developing a model for ongoing capital improvements.

In these difficult economic times, the homeless population continues to rise. According to the recent Fox Cities LIFE Study report, the number of homeless individuals has increased by 48% since 2005 and demand for homeless shelters and related services is at an all-time high. Last year, the COTS combined programs served 129 individuals. We could not have done this without your help!

A philanthropist is anyone who gives generosity – whether it's time, passion, compassion, networks or a monetary donation in any amount. Thank you to all our philanthropists for the support you show year-round to help COTS provide meals, beds, and transform individual lives and enrich our community.

Peace & blessings from all of us,



2010 Christmas Letter

Dear Christmas Spirit,

Each year we wonder who we should send our Christmas Contribution to. It's not that we can't ever come up with anyone; the problem is that everywhere we look there is someone who can benefit this time of year.

My kids like to ask me the question, "What was your favorite Christmas present ever?" Without hesitation, I can answer my Barbie camper and to this day, if I close my eyes I can be right back in that moment, smelling that brand new plastic toy Santa had left for me under the tree. Usually presents under the tree were shared gifts – games and such – but that year was special.

Times were tough back then, but believe it or not, I think they are tougher today. Hundreds of thousands of people out of jobs leading to out of a home leading to where some have no idea.

Our contribution this year will be going to an organization COTS, which is a facility in the Fox Valley with a catchy slogan, "A Place to Call Home".

Some of you might be questioning why we would step out of the community to help another when we have so many causes right outside our back door. True, but I don't think God ever intended to have separate lines drawn between neighborhoods, communities, towns, counties, states...We are all God's children and I am quite sure he wants us to love and to care for each other regardless the distance that separates us.

And remember, it is always easier to give than to receive.

Love from Baraboo, WI



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Capital Campaign Goal \$1,000,000 Year- to- Date Successes



- **Met over 80% of our funding goal!**
- **Built a greenhouse on our men's campus -2011**
West Avenue purchase of our "men's campus" gave us the needed space to build a greenhouse; providing an onsite nutritious food source and therapeutic activity for our residents.
- **Opened Single Mothers with Small Children Program - 2010**
Program maintains 100% success rate of transition to independent living.
- **Continued necessary capital improvements**
Together with COTS ServiceWorks resources, we continue to address the capital improvements needed at our four facilities.
- **Established endowment funds**
Created funds at Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region and Catholic Foundation for the Green Bay Diocese.

Please consider adding to either of these endowment funds to help build our sustainable future with your own legacy of caring!



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