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City of Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan Barnett 1000 Rochester Hills Drive Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Dear Friends at City of Rochester Hills,

Neighborhood House is a 501(c)(3) human services nonprofit founded in 1968 with the mission that "we walk the path toward self-sustainability with our neighbors during times of hardship". NH operates three facilities: A Food Pantry, the Clothes Closet and our main office. All programs are open to the residents of Rochester Hills, and hundreds of residents utilize our services annually. Poverty is an unfortunate and unseen condition that exists in our area, nearly 25% of families are living paycheck to paycheck or worse.

For the past 20 plus years, the Neighborhood House Clothes Closet has had crucial, continual support from the City of Rochester Hills through funds provided by CDBG programming. Newly imposed constraints to CDBG funding made future aid unavailable. We request the City of Rochester Hills enter into an interlocal agreement with Neighborhood House for \$10,000 to continue the partnership and necessary support of the Clothes Closet.

In 2023, the Neighborhood House Clothes Closet distributed 38,231 articles of clothing and items to 339 households, providing clothing and household items free of charge to our neighbors in need, helping them on their path to self-sustainability. Funding provided by the City of Rochester Hills is imperative to the operations of the NH Clothes Closet and members of the community in need.

A letter we recently received from a client highlights the extraordinary value of the City of Rochester Hills ongoing support. "Thank you for helping my family in more ways than you know! When we thought we had lost it all, Neighborhood House shed light on our situation. There is a brighter tomorrow for us because of your organization." - Julie

We are thankful for our partnership with the City of Rochester Hills. Through your unwavering support, you are giving in a way that profoundly impacts others' lives. On behalf of Julie and our many clients on their path to self-sustainability, thank you for continuing to partner with us in our mission of neighbors helping neighbors thrive in our community.

Sincerely

Michael Breon
Executive Director

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