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Mr. Jack Cox
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Dear Mr. Cox:

On behalf of everyone at HOPE Family Services, thank you very much for not only joining us at HOPE's annual Black and White Dinner Dance and Auction but also for your generous donation of \$6,800.00. Thanks to the fundraiser and the thoughtfulness of donors like you, HOPE can continue to make an important difference in the lives of Manatee County's victims of domestic violence. The critical need for HOPE's services reached a record number last fiscal year when we could only house 292 individuals because the Emergency Safe Shelter was full. During the same year an alternative accommodation had to be secured for an additional 444 people. Sadly 444 represents 152% more people who could not find sanctuary in HOPE's Emergency Safe Shelter than those who could.

HOPE is nearing completion of a new facility to address these needs and your donation will directly benefit this crucial project. Manatee County's women and children who are the victims of domestic violence are counting on HOPE and we, in turn count on you. Again, we really appreciate your generosity. On behalf of those who will benefit from your thoughtfulness, thank you.

With warmest regards,


Laurel A. Lynch
Executive Director

