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GENEROSITY FOR A HOPEFUL FUTURE

Dear Friends,

In these ongoing challenging times, we still have much to be thankful for as a faith community. While we continue to be physically apart – we are still being church and looking forward to deepening our impact and presence as a vital part of the life of Richmond Hill. Thank you – for your faithfulness, for sharing of many talents and skills in these difficult times, for reaching out to support one another and the wider community.

While we have been as careful as possible with expenditures during the pandemic your ongoing financial contributions this year have enabled us to:

- Continue to pay our staff during the pandemic
- Continue to worship together on-line, provide pastoral care and support the transition of our small groups to meet on-line
- Welcome new members to our faith community!
- Continue our relationship with SHS Consulting on the journey towards the re-development of the Village Commons (formerly CD Building) - Site Survey and Environmental Site Assessment completed
- Fix the Village Commons roof and repair the ceiling in the upper gym for future tenants
- Replace the manse roof and conduct other maintenance that has enabled Home on the Hill to become new partners providing support to people with serious mental illness
- Welcome the Krasman Centre, which provides essential daily supports to individuals experiencing homelessness during COVID-19

However, we have experienced significant financial challenge due to loss of budgeted income – most significantly from rentals of our facilities and sadly lost a number of long time members through death or decision to move away.

Stewardship of our resources through contributions of your time and talent and financial support makes the mission of RHUC possible. It is that time of year when we look ahead and make our intentional financial commitments to support our plans – even in these uncertain times – for a hopeful future. Our budgeting process depends on a clear understanding of commitments that will be forthcoming from the congregation that allow us to be a place of inclusion, radical welcome and hope – things that are needed more than ever in these turbulent times. Regular contributions through Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) are extremely helpful to our planning.

You are also aware through notices in RHUC Reflections that we are embarking on an important capital project related to our Audiovisual equipment in the sanctuary. This is critical for future hybrid services that include people in person in the sanctuary and those online and will enable future income through uses of the sanctuary by the broader community. More information is available in the attached flyer.

PLEASE consider whether you are able to increase your regular contribution in support of the ministry of Richmond Hill United Church and if you are able to consider making a special contribution to the AV project. Together we continue to be the loving spiritual community we all appreciate so much.

Thank you for your generosity.

Generous Spirit Team

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