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Dear Friends:

The past few years have been an ever-changing blend of unique challenges and exciting opportunities. Even after completing significant capital improvements over the past several years, updating and renovating both the New Britain Youth Museum and the Hungerford Nature Center, we're still at it. In the past fiscal year, with tremendous support from the City of New Britain, we transformed the outdated kitchen at Hungerford Nature Center. The new, professional-grade kitchen will expand our ability to host events, an excellent use of the recently renovated patio space. Also at Hungerford, generous grants from local foundations allowed us to replace the roof and paint the interior ceiling – a huge upgrade inside and out! And a grant from the Petit Family Foundation allowed us to transform our demonstration garden to a new, interactive, family-friendly children's garden, complete with grasshopper ride, a new fountain, pergola, little lending library, and educational displays.

At the downtown Youth Museum, a grant from the American Savings Foundation funded renovations to the upstairs classroom, bathrooms, and offices. The newly renovated classroom is an ideal space for our expanded community programs. Outside, the grant also allowed us to put in a new Children's Courtyard, creating both new space for interactive exhibits as well as an outdoor oasis for families to play and learn. It also funded new security doors and cameras to keep the venue safe. Inside, a new healthy food exhibit features interactive activities and educational videos that encourage healthy eating.

We are extremely grateful for the continued financial support of the City of New Britain. Local foundations such as the American Savings Foundation, Community Foundation of Greater New Britain, the Marjorie Moore Foundation, Connecticut Humanities, HUD and the many corporations and individuals that have helped continue to meet our goal of becoming one of the leading environmental and recreational destinations in Connecticut.

If you are able, please consider donating \$25, \$50, \$100 or more. Thank you for being part of our community. Without you, none of it is possible.

With our heartfelt thanks,

Thomas J. Pascocello
Executive Director