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## Dear Friend:

As the new Executive Director of **The New Britain Youth Museum and Hungerford Nature Center**, I am overwhelmed by the significant impact this small, but mighty organization has on our communities.

**Because of your support**, we have been able to move ahead on priorities that develop the next generation of curious learners, environmental stewards, and nature lovers! **You** helped us:

## Care for over 50 animals; 22 acres of woods, gardens, and pond; and 3 facilities across 2 two towns:

- Our barnyard, native, and exotic species provide unparalleled opportunities to engage learners of all ages.
- Consistent maintenance and upgrades provide safe and healthy facilities for our animals and visitors.
- Our miles of trails are open to the public year round and are the backdrop for environmental programs.

## Build community with our signature events:

- Our famous *Pumpkin Palooza* has evolved into a community event with over 300 pumpkins carved by our members and volunteers for display during the weekend Halloween festivities.
- In January we will welcome visitors of all ages to create a magical winter backdrop for our new *WinterFest*, to be held on February 3rd, featuring a bonfire, S'mores, guided nature walks, and more.

## Educate and build curious learners locally and regionally:

- Bring our traveling and onsite animal science programs to hundreds of school children over the year.
- Our onsite preschool programs feature experiential learning to support social and preschool skills.

Your support during our annual campaign is greatly appreciated. We need your gift to support:

- Building an ADA accessible trail loop around our pond to support those with mobility challenges.
- Implementing new programming at the Youth Museum including live animal encounters.
- Expanding our summer camp to allow days of outdoor fun and screen free learning for our youth.
- Growing our educational programs to reach more elementary, middle, and high school students.

We need your continued support. Without you, none of it is possible. Thank you for your generosity.

With Gratitude,

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