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Dear Repairer,

Spring is a time of rebirth. In the Peace Garden courtyard at the Repairers of the Breach center, volunteer youth and adult groups are clearing away winter's debris and readying our raised vegetable beds for new planting to be harvested to feed our guests.

**Another sign of rebirth: our new logo!** We are pleased to inform you that all our measurable indicators show our mission has successfully grown as our responsibilities and support have broadened. Repairers' new logo represents connection and balance—among people, among varied individual needs, and among our community support groups. We sincerely meet every person where they are now and then work with them to make a plan for improving their life. Our new logo (see our enclosed fact sheet) embodies this holistic approach, which can also be found in our motto: "**Life Saving. Life Sustaining. Life Restoring.**"

Although most homeless shelters are open primarily at night, Repairers of the Breach is Milwaukee's only dedicated daytime homeless shelter, open six days a week, 7:00am – 4:00pm, Monday through Saturday. We are unique in the programs we offer—working not only to meet members' immediate needs (such as nutritious breakfasts and lunches, private showers, clothing and toiletries, and a free medical clinic) but also to help them return to a full life (such as the room we offer our veterans to converse together privately and receive professional assistance). A complete list of our services is enclosed with this letter.

Our Literacy Center, Employment Assistance Center, and Computer Lab are major assets to helping people find a job. Once employed, third-shift workers sometimes have trouble finding somewhere safe to sleep during the day. At Repairers they can sleep in our Respite Room, and we send them off to their jobs at night carrying a sack lunch. One member notes that this provides camouflage to help him blend in; at break time he opens his lunch just like all the other workers. Thanks to a shower, clean clothes, and those who supply us with bag lunches, he says, "I don't have to look like I'm homeless."

Some recent news from Repairers of the Breach:

- ***Our Facebook page*** now has over 1700 followers! Please "like" and follow us there ([Facebook.com/Repairers](https://Facebook.com/Repairers)) to get our latest updates and interact with fellow Repairers.
- ***Amazon "Wish List" and Amazon "Smile"***—to learn more about how to donate via these avenues, visit our website ([www.repairers.com](http://www.repairers.com)).
- ***Milwaukee Police Department's Homeless Outreach Team***—on April 25 we honored this team at a "Thank You" breakfast, at which homeless members presented certificates of appreciation to 19 officers. We also staff a table during the MPD Homeless Outreach and Crisis Intervention teams' training sessions, answering officers' questions and providing information about our resources.

Because Repairers of the Breach receives no government funding, we rely completely on the generosity of people like you for support. Please review the enclosed materials, and consider helping Repairers in any way you are willing. We thank you in advance for *any* reinforcement you can give us. You are valued and appreciated!

With gratitude,

The homeless, staff, volunteers, and board members of Repairers