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Dear Friends,

For over 36 years, we have been blessed to serve the elderly poor in Gallup. Thus far, we have welcomed over 460 elderly and our desire is to continue to be able to welcome the elderly for years to come. Although our mission is ever relevant, our building has been showing its age. As some may know, for several years our building has been experiencing leaks in various parts of the Home and water infiltration, especially in the apartments. In the past, efforts have been made to remedy the leaks and infiltration with minimum success. Based on architectural and engineering studies, a capital project with three phases has been proposed.

From our winter newsletter, you may know that we are in the midst of Phase 1. Thanks to a legacy and private donations, we are able to address the most damaged parts of the roof that are causing the majority of leaks in the Home. Phase 2 will allow us to replace the rest of the roof with an estimated cost to be \$867,000. Currently, there are multiple roof types of varying ages. This project will continue to simplify the roof types down to two, shingle for the pitched roofs and a thermoplastic polyolefin (TPO) membrane for the flat roof areas. It is important that this second phase is completed in a timely manner so that these two roof phases will be around the same age and carry the same warranties. Currently, we do not have a start date, since adequate funding is still needed.

Phase 3 will address the water intrusion problem affecting the apartments. Currently, rain water or snowmelt from outside is seeping into the apartments through the foundation. A study has been completed in order to determine the best means of addressing this issue. This problem affects primarily the north and west sides of the exterior to interior walls, beginning with the foundation. The estimated cost is \$800,000.

In order to raise the appropriate funds for the “*Raise the Roof*” project, we will be undergoing a capital campaign. We have organized a Reverse Raffle that will be held during our “*Soup for the Soul*” Fundraiser at the Elks in Gallup, NM, on Saturday, April 18, 2020, from 5-8PM. The prizes for the Reverse Raffle include: 1st prize—\$10,000; 2nd prize—Hand-woven Turkish Rug; 3rd prize--\$1,000. Tickets are \$100 donation. We invite you to participate in the Reverse Raffle and we welcome all contributions towards our “*Raise the Roof*” Project. To participate, you may send your contribution in the enclosed envelope and indicate the number of tickets you desire. Your ticket will be included with your acknowledgement letter. If you prefer to donate online, you may do so through our website (<https://littlesistersofthepoorgallup.weshareonline.org/ReverseRaffleFundraiser>), click “Reverse Raffle Fundraiser” and indicate the amount and number of tickets. The ticket information and acknowledgement letter will be sent to you, unless you would prefer to receive them through email. We ask that mail donations be sent no later than Wednesday, April 8, 2020, to ensure enough time for us to receive them; however, online donations can be made until noon of Saturday, April 18, 2020.

Enclosed you will find a brochure that explains more about the three phases. Thank you in advance for all that you can do to help us in this project and you would be more than welcome to join us on April 18, 2020, for the “*Soup for the Soul*” Fundraiser (please see our website for more details: www.littlesistersofthepoorgallup.org). If you would like to come and visit our Home, you would be more than welcome!

God bless you,

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