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Dear Supporter,

Thank you for coming to the donation area of our website, we thought you might like to hear how things are going in our organization.

All of us are aware of Covid -19, and the effects that has had on the world, our province, our community, and us. From an operational perspective at Blue Sky, we have spent much time and energy conforming to Provincial regulations, to do our utmost in providing a safe environment for all those we support, and our staff.

We are 2 weeks into our second Day Program closure of the year. The first closure was March 21 to July 13th. We have been fortunate as during this time we have not had to lay off staff and instead have dispatched all of our Day Program staff to work residentially, supporting the people living in the 9 homes that would normally be at the Day Program. Our production staff is allowed to continue working, as our pallet construction, recycling and chain assembly are seen as essential services.

This has been a challenging year in terms of fundraising. Restrictions kept us from having our annual Cleanathon and Fall Fundraiser resulting in a loss of approximately \$40,000 in revenue. We have been successful in accessing a few small grants, which has helped offset some of this loss.

As mentioned earlier, Covid has had a varying effect on us all. If you find yourself in a position to support us with a yearend donation, we would be most thankful, we also fully understand this may not be an option this year. We currently do not have a capital project; your donation would be utilized to assist with operational costs. This is uncharacteristic for us, but we have experienced increased costs in this area and lower income in other areas of our operation. We are hoping to be announcing an exciting capital project in the Spring of 2021.

Your consideration of this request would be greatly appreciated. Donation cheques may be mailed using the enclosed envelope, or made using a credit card online at: blueskyop.com.

I wish you and your family a safe and Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,

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