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Dear Friends and Partners with Olive Branch Mission,

For 158 years, Olive Branch Mission has been more than a shelter — it has been a beacon of hope, a sacred refuge where lives are restored, where tears are dried and hope is renewed. Within these walls, babies have taken their first breaths, and some weary souls have taken their last — surrounded by love, dignity, and prayer. Every hallway and room whispers the same resounding truth: no one is beyond the reach of God's grace.

Each day, more than 350 precious lives find safety, nourishment, and compassion under our roof. And yet, every filled bed reminds us of the countless others still waiting — the mothers sleeping in cars, the veterans seeking warmth, the elders and children caught in the storms of poverty and despair. The need around us is greater than at any time in recent memory. The weight of the world presses hard — rising costs, deepening homelessness, addiction, and mental health crises have created a flood of suffering that only people, working together, can begin to meet.

Our faithful staff — true servants of Christ — stand in the gap daily. They pray with trembling hands, work long hours, and carry the burden of love in the face of overwhelming need. They rejoice when a child's laughter returns, and they weep quietly when loss touches the Mission. Their work is sacred — a living testimony that light still shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

We know our friends and partners are stretched, too. You are feeling the same winds of uncertainty that blow across our nation. And yet, again and again, your faithfulness sustains the Mission. Your gifts, your prayers, your love — these are not just acts of kindness; they are instruments of God's provision. Through you, the hungry are fed, the frightened find safety, and the hopeless learn that new beginnings are still possible. You are the hands and feet of Christ at work in this world.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are reminded that true gratitude does not spring from abundance, but from faith — faith that God will provide even when resources run low. Hope in the midst of hardship. Love that endures when everything else feels uncertain.

We humbly ask for your continued partnership in this holy work. Your special Thanksgiving gift today will help us keep the lights burning, the ovens warm, and the doors open for every person God sends our way. Together, we will continue to be a refuge — a city on a hill, a beacon of hope shining in a dark and weary world.

From the bottom of our hearts to yours, thank you for standing with us — for believing, even now, that love still makes a way.

Sincerely, Katrina Coleman- President/CEO

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