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Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in this Easter season. I pray this correspondence finds you well. It is my pleasure to share with you the update for the Baldwin Family Village.

First, thank you for your financial support and the many hours being spent to make our dream a reality—a transitional home helping annually over one hundred homeless women and children. Plans are underway to assure the purchase of the property in Fairhope. We need \$92,000 to meet the purchase price of \$700,000. The Steering Committee, under the very able leadership of Elizabeth Hammock and Becky Tate, is finalizing plans for closing the purchase scheduled for June 1. This group can be reached at baldwinfamilyvillage@fairhopeumc.org.

We are collaborating daily with, Kate Carver, the Director of Dumas Wesley in Mobile, to formalize our partnership and make plans to transition the property into a much needed safe, happy haven for homeless women and children in Baldwin County. Organizational details are in motion. The proposed operating budget is currently estimated to be approximately \$540,000 a year, the next phase of fundraising.

Truly, our dream of ecumenical support is happening through the partnership efforts of churches, foundations, businesses, and a ground swell of personal, community contributions.

In further support of this goal, we are working to establish the Baldwin Family Village Foundation, a separate 501(c)(3) to provide for the administration, planning, and governance of our future fundraising efforts. We are hopeful that this entity will be in place by May 1.

We also have a team working to address the inspection of the property and any necessary repairs. Once the purchase of the property is finalized, we will work to raise the funds necessary for the first year of operating costs of the program. Once these resources are in place, the leadership of Dumas Wesley will provide for the implementation of the program, including staffing and other logistical directives.

Creative ideas are coming forth covering every detail. We have volunteers who want to be responsible for birthday cakes for our residents and many other signs of hospitality.

It is such a joyful privilege for me to witness the generosity and enthusiasm of our community and the growing list of participating churches. Throughout this process I am humbled by all who have offered their time, talent, and treasure along the way.

With Gratitude,

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