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Mayor Mendum and Council:

We want to thank you for your grant of \$565 to NEED. Grants from local government are a strong affirmation of the role that NEED has played in our community for the past 39 years. Board, volunteers and staff acknowledge and are grateful for your support.

Since its inception, NEED has evolved considerably while retaining the energy, vitality, and most particularly, the "heart" that continues to instill a special sense of commitment in those who choose to be involved with the agency.

Now, as we enter our 39th year of service, NEED is facing unprecedented circumstances as the entire not-for-profit sector struggles to keep vital programs in existence. NEED is the only agency in town that has a mandate and history of doing suicide awareness and crisis intervention education. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among youth and young adults; rates are rising among teenagers. We will maintain our Suicide Awareness for Youth (SAY) program, which reaches approximately 2000 students each year and is delivered in middle and high schools, mostly by volunteers. As well, we intend to expand our skills based training programs so that more people in the community learn how to talk to others about suicide and how to intervene if necessary. We hope for your continued support as we revision ourselves and our place in the community.

Should you wish, we would be glad to speak to council, committees or community groups about the services NEED provides.

Your support contributes to our service to people in our region.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joyalle Bunyan-Maynard
Acting Executive Director

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