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Dear Friends,

We have had another busy year at the Center. We would like to update you on some of our activities and ask for your help!

Adult Literacy ~ We are thrilled to tell you that **FIVE** of our students were awarded their GEDs in October alone. So far this year, **32** of our students have gotten their GEDs. This is just one of many goals that our students have, but this one is certainly life changing. We are striving to help our students continue their education, get into college or training programs, and get employment. Much of this is done with the help of our partners at GST Michigan Works. In 2015, **more than 300 adults received tutoring through our programs**; we anticipate a similar number of students this year. We also established a new partnership this year with the courts to help juvenile probationers get their GEDs. We are striving to help individuals change their lives.

Tutoring for Kids ~ We are offering our third child tutoring session this year, this one at deAngeli Library in Lapeer. Currently, 9 kids between first and fourth grades are meeting with trained tutors. These kids need extra help and support to improve their reading, writing, and/or math skills. Parents and tutors both report major improvements with the kids' skills. It can also improve a child's attitude about learning and reading.

Playgroups and other programs ~ We continue to offer playgroups for families with kids under 6 years old. This program helps families develop friendships, helps children build skills, and allows facilitators for set positive learning examples. We also offer "Ready, Set, Go" workshops and hot topic presentations. The objective of these family programs is to encourage early literacy skills and school readiness.

All of the programs and services we offer focus on building skills and independence. We have no magical state or federal grant that pays for what we offer. Our programs are supported through our fundraising efforts, small grant proposals, some partnership agreements, and through contributions from people, groups, businesses. **Please consider including the Family Literacy Center in your end of year giving. Your support truly does make a difference to our organization and to our students. Donations for ANY amount are appreciated! Thank you for your consideration!**

Sincerely,

Mary Shelton-Wiese
Executive Director

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