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Dear Methodist Friends,

In September, your churches make an annual appeal to assist Northcott Neighborhood House continues its mission. This year, our need is great for your assistance in helping us continue the Northcott Neighborhood House 56 year experience with providing youth and families the support they need to back them up in times of need and to offer them training and skills to thrive in today's world. This means job training, remedial education, and emergency food and clothing. For youth, it means after-school and summer programs that provide both a safe place and an opportunity to enhance their skills.

At this time of great urgency, I am including a letter I wrote to share with others my personal response to our financial crisis. I think this intimate look at my feelings is more compelling than the usual appeal for funds. I want you to think of what our crisis means to our families.

In the larger scale of things, Northcott is just a small agency, but to all of us in this tight-knit community, Northcott is our life. The cutback in funds at the federal and state levels has really hurt small agencies, causing a major crisis. We need you the community to bail us out, as if we were stranded in the New Orleans floods. If we all pitch in, we can save our mission for the youth and families of this community. Please read this letter and let us know what you think. Do you have anything to contribute, including expertise, contacts, volunteer time, and of course financial assistance.

Thank you for your support over the years, but keep in mind that we need you now more than ever.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "McArthur Weddle". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

McArthur Weddle
Executive Director