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Dear Mr. Makinen,

On behalf of Redemptorist Social Services Center, I would like to thank you all for the incredible opportunities that we have been able to offer to our clients- 90 Day Opportunity Pass. Dignity is one of our core values and transportation is extraordinarily important in contributing to the inherent dignity and worth of every human being.

Many of our clients and families simply cannot purchase bus passes, being able to provide free transportation alleviates a great deal of stress. It provides the job seeker confidence in a job interview and a better outcome of not only getting a job- but keeping it. Parents have the ability to get their children to school, and their attendance has improved. Adults are able to take classes to learn a new skill or trade to better their lives. We serve so many that are in need of medical care, often these visits are multiple times per week. Dialysis is not optional; they have to be there regularly. Those receiving mental health care are no longer missing their appointments and are staying more consistent with their medication. People who are experiencing homelessness have had their dignity stripped away in so many ways, and by providing them bus passes allows them medical care, job opportunities and sometimes a warm place to sit when the temperatures are dangerous.

In many ways beyond what I mentioned above, we appreciate the opportunity and the recognition of the need of free transportation in our city. Transportation is so essential; our agencies together help them reclaim it. We are stronger and better together helping our community. Our clients have had major successes in the last 6 months. While we get to see the smiles and receive their hugs, thank YOU for championing this for all of us.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie McCaw". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Julie McCaw
Executive Director