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Dear friend,

It is my pleasure to serve as the Honorary Co-Chair for Family Supportive Housing's Capital Campaign to raise \$5 million dollars of private funds required to build a new temporary residence for homeless families in Santa Clara County. The San Jose Family Shelter is a place where hard working South Bay residents can keep their family unit together during difficult times.

I heartily endorse the efforts Family Supportive Housing has put forth the past 18 years to provide emergency temporary living quarters and services to needy families in our area. Now, because the City's Code Enforcement Division found the current shelter's residential rooms to be unsuitable for families of more than two people, the city has mandated that the shelter move to a new building.

During my tenure as Mayor of San Jose, my staff and I worked hard to make our city a better place for everyone who lives here. Great strides have been made as many of our local developers understand the need for low-income housing options. However, there is still a segment of the population who falls through the cracks, living paycheck to paycheck. These families have been and will again be self-supportive, but we need to help them through a difficult period.

That is where the new San Jose Family Shelter facility will step in for the short term. In partnership with Charities Housing, the new building will be a state of the art, "green" residence and a model program serving those who need a helping hand to self-sufficiency. The City of San Jose and several other public entities have committed nearly \$10 million of the \$16 million project - but we need your help to meet the final goal.

The San Jose Family Shelter is a life-line for those who find themselves in a difficult struggle with the challenge to survive in one of the most expensive areas of the U.S. Family Supportive Housing believes, as do I, that reaching out to those who need it most is the truest example of a great community.

My family and I have given our gift toward realizing this vital project, and we hope you will consider making a gift as well. Please give from your heart for this capital campaign to improve the lives of some of the Bay Area's hardest working families.

Thank you in advance for your support of the new San Jose Family Shelter.

With sincere appreciation,

(s) *Susan Hammer*

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Former Mayor of San Jose