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Dear Friend,

I hope this note finds you and yours safe, warm, and well during this season of thanks.

We do, indeed, have much to be thankful for this year. 2020 had its blessings, though they may have been few. More than 300 times this year, your friends and neighbors chose collaborative conversations over violence or litigation to resolve their conflicts. That is a number worth celebrating.

And yet, the stress and uncertainty inflicted by COVID has amplified familial, workplace, and community conflict. Our community is experiencing domestic violence, overdoses, and evictions in record numbers. Petitions for divorce have skyrocketed and our family courts are overwhelmed with requests for child custody modifications. Our mediation services are an essential resource in helping people heal relationships, avoid homelessness or foreclosure, and make the best possible decisions for the benefit of their children.

***Now, more than ever, our community needs a place where members can speak and be heard without judgment. Where civility and collaboration are celebrated. Where families can come together for the betterment of their children. Where everyone has a voice. Mid Shore Community Mediation Center is that place. And we desperately need your support.***

Our small non-profit is experiencing devastating financial losses resulting from COVID-19. In previous years we have held annual campaigns to expand our impact and operations, this year we simply, but grandly, hope to secure enough funds to maintain our operations.

The way we show up for each other during times of crisis is one of the many things that makes the mid-shore a beautiful place to live and work. Thank you for being a friend we can count on.

In Community,

Jenn Williams  
Executive Director