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Dear Friends of HOPE For All,

Thank you for your continued faithfulness in supporting HOPE For All. Your partnership has allowed us to continue our mission to provide those whom God has placed before us with the essentials of a healthy home.

Every day, families who have been impacted by addiction, financial hardship, spousal abuse, or medical emergencies are moving into homes in Anne Arundel County seeking a fresh start. Unfortunately, they are then faced with a new hardship: an empty home...

HOPE For All is now being recognized in the community as a key partner in the never-ending fight against poverty. During the last fiscal year, 303 families were referred to us by our community partners at the Department of Social Services, the Anne Arundel County and Annapolis Housing Authorities, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Sarah's House, Lighthouse Shelter, churches and many other agencies and non-profit organizations. We were blessed to provide these families with 458 new beds as well as other donated essential furniture, housewares, linens and clothing.

Ever since we committed to providing each client with a new bed, we have struggled to keep up with the financial demand. We are humbled to report that this year we have received grants from several foundations and agencies that will cover the cost of this year's beds!

Today we are asking you to prayerfully consider [financially supporting](#) HOPE For All's day to day operations; those aspects of our organization that are hardly ever funded through community grants. Some of the behind the scenes expenses include: a roof over our heads so that we can sort and store all the essentials for families, gas for our pickup and delivery vehicles, funding for employees to administer our programs, and utility costs to keep our army of volunteers comfortable so they will continue serving each week sorting and packing for our families.

We also hope you'll turn this letter over and read about the impact that your commitment has had on the Allen family. At HOPE For All we are making a difference, one family at a time.

God has been growing our ministry in so many ways and refining our faith and reliance on Him. Please join us in fulfilling His mission!

God bless,

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*"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." (2 Corinthians 9:12)*

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September 9, 2018

As I sit here writing this, I can't help but fight back tears for the happiness I feel after Hope For All visited my family and I. As a former domestic violence victim, my children and I had to flee from a situation where in and had to leave ALL of our belongings behind and stay in hotels, on families couches etc. We had no real place to call home for months and it was really breaking my heart. After applying to 6 different places, we were blessed to get approved for an apartment, but it would cost me all of savings. I did what I had to do for my kids and I and even though we didn't have any money for furniture or extras, we moved into our own place and the children were very happy. Thanks to Ms. Christa, a referral was made to Hope For All for my family and I and our lives were FOREVER changed.

As I kissed my children goodnight, and tucked them in their own beds, all I could do was thank God for Hope For All and how they made my apartment a HOME. I looked with amazement at the new spreads, sheets, pillows and comforters that my children and I had received and was overwhelmed with joy knowing that my little girl no longer had to sleep in a pack n play anymore. My son jumped for joy as I spread out his new robot sheets, blankets and pillows (that also came with a little robot stuffed toy)and he couldn't wait to get all snuggled up for his nap. Hope For All didn't just stop there, they brought tons of clothing that my children desperately need for the upcoming season and shoes that were so adorable I couldn't believe it! My son just started pre-k and I felt so bad he didn't have any shoes other than sandals that he would wear to school. I received clothes for myself, new kitchen and bathroom items...even a microwave and toaster! I watched as the amazing men from Hope For All brought in bag after bag for my family and couldn't believe it was all for us! They helped move in dressers which I am truly excited for because any clothing items we had, I left in tubs or folded in the top shelf of the closet. I never even had an iron and an ironing board, but now I can make sure my children are neat when they leave out and not have to worry about so many wrinkles! I know that may seem like a little thing to some people, but I am so humbled and amazed how much these little items have made our household complete. To top everything off, we also received a beautiful loveseat set that came with a lounge rocker! I can hold my baby girl in my arms and lay back in that chair while she drifts off to sleep! I have walked by several times just looking at my new living room and thanking God that we now have furniture to sit on, or enjoy a meal together with. I can help my son with any homework he will have at our table and we won't have to sit on the floor to do it.

To everyone that helped make my dream a reality, to the beautiful spirited ladies that visited our home on the initial visit and played with my children to the people who packed our items, the guys who unloaded our items and delivered it, to Leo and Chris...MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!! Every one of not only changed an empty apartment to a home, you changed a victim to a survivor! I am forever grateful and will cherish this blessing always.

Love,  
The Allen Family