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Dear Golden Heart Resident,

Have you ever been stranded on the side of the road and had vehicles pass you by? Fortunately, Fairbanks residents typically stop and give assistance when they see a person in need.

Right now there are men, women, and children that are stranded with no place to go, no food to eat, and no one to turn to for help. Every day these people must choose between paying for rent and utilities, getting medical care, and buying food.

Imagine the anxiety of not knowing where your next hot meal is coming from, or looking into your child's eyes, knowing there is no safe place for her to sleep tonight. You may never be in a situation like this, but you can probably recall a time in your life when you really needed help and a caring person came to your aid.

**Right now you can be that caring person for someone in need.**

Like you, we could not leave these people stranded. Our organization exists solely to assist people in need of a place to stay, a meal to eat, a word of encouragement, and a way to get back on their feet. The Fairbanks Rescue Mission is the one place in the whole borough that offers this range of services to the stranded and desperate.

None of us fully know all the circumstances that force so many people to the edge of despair. We only know that God calls us to reach out in love and provide nourishment for both their bodies and their souls.

Please help us continue providing food, shelter, and hope to our neighbors in need. We could not do the work that God has called us to do without the help of concerned citizens like you. All donations are greatly appreciated. No amount is too small!

Thank you for your consideration and may your generosity be richly rewarded.

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*A generous man will be blessed, for he shared his food with the poor. Proverbs 22:9*