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Dear Partner in Service,

For 27 years, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries has provided life-essential support to individuals and families in our community with the assistance of hundreds of volunteers, churches, donors, and partner organizations. In 1998, WFCM started selling clothing to the local community as a way to generate revenue to support the vital ministries we offer – this was the nexus of what has grown into our current thrift store.

Over the years, the community has been generous with their donations of time, clothing, and household goods to keep the thrift store running. We are immensely grateful for this support. Not only has the thrift store provided low-cost, quality goods for our customers, it has also allowed us to meet the clothing and household needs of our clients seeking assistance.

For the past couple of years, however, the thrift store has not generated enough revenue to cover the costs of its operation. A change in location presented challenges to the ministry. After months of prayerful consideration, the Board of Directors has determined that operating the thrift store is no longer the right choice financially for WFCM. The thrift store will close August 15, 2014.

This is a season of change for WFCM. The thrift store has been an important part of our ministry and we are grateful for your partnership. We know that needs still exist in our community for assistance with clothing and household goods. We know that a need also exists for our donors who desire to help others by contributing their used items. And, we will continue to work to meet those needs.

WFCM is developing partnerships with churches and organizations in our community with clothing closets who will be able to serve our clients and receive in-kind donations. We will distribute details on this new process when they are finalized.

We have enclosed a document to help address questions you may have, but please contact us if you have other questions or concerns.

Although the doors of the thrift store will be closing, WFCM is expectant to see what God has in store for us in the future as we seek to be an extension of God's love in this community.

Blessings,

Jeff Robertson
President, for the WFCM Board of Directors