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Greetings to all,

I hope this finds you all well at this time. I have had an unbelievably busy month so far. We have gotten 7 new clients this month and have worked with 5 old-timers. It has been busy but full of blessings. It is so awesome to see some of the kids who are doing well come back just to check in with us and to share the positives in their lives. It makes the new clients not seem so hard.

I was interviewed this past month by a man who is trying to discover why we have so many young persons out on the street or homeless. He asked many questions about the youth and what type of kid ends up out on the street. He asked what the city, schools, organizations are doing, and how we fit into the plan. It got me thinking about the youth that come here. Many of our youth are not the hard core under the bridges type youth. Most are trying to avoid that lifestyle. They want to change their lives. They need help with stopping the spiral and want to come out on the other side with a new life filled with good things. Many just need a chance to be "**normal**" and we work to help them become "**normal**".

We are coming into the time of year that many of you begin to think of your yearly donations. It is our hope that you will continue to think of the young persons whose lives are being changed here. We are not a large organization but one that is making a difference in the lives of the young people we see each day one at a time.

We are getting into our busy cycle with clients and will need more to help them. Each client requires different things to help them. Most come and get food. This will run about \$50.00 per a week. That begins to add up if they need more than one week. Most need gas or transportation for a few days that can run up to \$10 for gas or \$4 a day for bus passes. They may need help getting their Id. That is another \$10 plus gas to get them to the east side to get their information. Some need help getting into school. They need not only clothes but also school supplies. This could be another \$10 per client. Occasionally they may need a place to stay the night. This is about \$70.00 to give them a clean safe place. If you multiply this times the seven new clients this month we

are talking over \$100 per client. That adds up quickly and that doesn't cover the cost of operations.

Please consider helping cover these costs. We have several ways you can donate. First we accept checks through the mail. 709 S. Lynhurst Dr. Indianapolis, IN 46241. We have PayPal on our website www.restoringliveswest.org or you can participate in our fundraiser on September 18th. We will have more on this next week but please save the date to come and be a part of a fun filled day of food, games, and music.

Yours in Christ,

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