Dear Friends,

In these tough economic times, having just over half our current budget met for 2012, and with 30 days left before the close of the year, I want to challenge you and give God an opportunity to do abundantly more than we ask or think.

**The challenge is this: to raise $1,000,000 by December 31.**

This is the boldest challenge The Hope of Survivors has ever issued, and we need your help to make it a reality.

We want to be able to provide a safe haven, a respite, for victims of clergy sexual abuse in the US and in Romania. Ultimately, many locations around the US, and in even more countries but, for now, we're looking at a place in Pella, Iowa, and searching for something in Romania.

The stated goal of $1,000,000 is to purchase BOTH healing centers (US & Romania), as well as provide salaries for staff and all operating costs for 2013--for both The Hope of Survivors overall, as well as both healing centers. This also includes educational material production, convention exhibits and seminars for victims.

Should God see fit to provide $1,000,000 for The Hope of Survivors through your help, the ministry will able to continue to provide the support and one-on-one assistance victims need, and fulfill the hopes, dreams and goals of the organization. It is hard to keep saying no to victims when they ask if we have a place for them to stay for help. It's hard to turn down requests for seminars because we don't have the funds to conduct them. It's hard to be unable to produce additional educational materials for victims and pastors because of lack of funds.

The Hope of Survivors makes a life-saving, and often eternal, difference in people's lives, as shown in this latest review:
THOS has helped me and my husband beyond our expectations. Samantha's and Martin's compassion and dedication surpassed our immediate months of crisis. Throughout our time of crisis, which was over two years ago, they were available and responsive to us, and they have remained with us as loving and ready sources of support and friends since. They are truly sincere in their efforts to provide healing and education to both survivors and perpetrators, and incredibly skilled in their spiritual and counseling roles. We were fortunate in meeting Steve (co-founder) this past summer and were impressed with his noble character as well. Everyone who we have met and/or dealt with at THOS has shown utmost integrity, sincerity, professionalism, respect, consistency, and complete commitment to our well-being. I am certain that they extend these same virtues to anyone who has the fortune of coming into contact with them. There are some people of rare beauty and courage behind the name THOS, including, I am certain, their volunteers and other associates who we have not yet met. THOS deserves recognition and support for their continued efforts in confronting clergy sexual misconduct, a devastating and heinous act.

We're making a difference. Will you help make a difference?

Thank you for your consideration.
Samantha Nelson
VP & CEO