Dear Friends,

This year we set the most aggressive fundraising goal ever! Why? Because the needs of victims are so great and becoming even greater each year. With the Renewal Center in place after years of prayer, it's time for staffing. Honestly, I'm quite weary and overworked and haven't had an assistant since we were headquartered in Illinois. That's been three years ago this month!

The Hope of Survivors has expanded greatly in the past few years and we continue to provide the support victims of clergy sexual abuse need, no matter what their faith or where they're located. If not for our incredible team of volunteers who help provide this support, we could not meet the needs we do.

At $71,602 in donations to date, we're getting closer to our year-end target goal of $225,000. If we reach this goal, we will be able to hire staff, complete the necessary repairs and renovations at the Renewal Center, eliminate the current deficit due to underfunded projects and programs, and cover the planned projects and programs for 2015. That's quite a lot to accomplish with so little, but that is how The Hope of Survivors has operated for the past 12 years--God makes much out of the little resources we have!
With less than two months to go, we need your help! If you've already donated, thank you!! We appreciate your generosity more than you know. And if you've been meaning to make a contribution, you still have the opportunity to do so either online or by sending a check to 607 Jefferson Street, Bedford, IA 50833. Let's see if we can hit our goal by the end of December!

Thank you for your prayers and support. Victims, most of all, are truly grateful because, without The Hope of Survivors, many would not find the hope and help they need. Here's one of thousands of brief testimonies we receive about how important The Hope of Survivors is to victims:

"This last week I had an opportunity to spend time with people who care so deeply, who allow The Lord to minister through them to bring hope, healing and comfort to the brokenhearted. Today I am so grateful for a "New" understanding of who I am. To God be the Glory!"--MI

To God be the glory indeed! Thank you for being a part of this lifesaving and life-changing ministry.

With gratitude and blessings,
Samantha Nelson
CEO