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Dear friends,

It's the time of year for counting blessings and giving thanks. The Bob Brown House and Independence Homes have made a difference in the lives of many special people this year so we are grateful. Both of our new facilities are full of new faces and new challenges to meet every day. Our resident total now is 56 and they are each one a blessing in their own way. Their ages range from 20 to 80. They love and care (and argue) as family every day. On Rogers Rd we have many young people living on their own for the first time. On Cleveland Rd it is a more mature population with many coming from some state of homelessness.

I am fortunate to have the best staff for an often times difficult job. I'll admit working every day with your daughters is not easy but Hannah and Sadie have such a heart for this work that I'm always proud even when I'm yelling at them. We are so blessed to have Tim and Katie in the kitchen and Medina and Chris overnight. Sadie is the party planner. She goes above her duties on Cleveland to plan a monthly event for fun and fellowship for all the residents. We took trips to the Legends, the pumpkin patch, GattiTown and bowling. We had parties for Valentines, St. Patrick's, Halloween and fireworks on the 4th.

Thanks to all of you that support our requests on FaceBook to help pay for all the fun. Most of our residents don't have any extra funds from their monthly check to cover any extra expenses.

Our first golf scramble was a huge success in the spring. We raised \$8000 and had a lot of fun at The Woodford Club. We look forward to this becoming an annual event so make plans now to attend next year. Fundraising is always a challenge for us. The rent received from residents just barely covers our daily operational expenses. Any major repairs are impossible within our tiny budget. At this time we have some pressing needs on Cleveland Rd. The HVAC is very old and needs to be replaced. The patio needs some kind of roof to keep the residents out of the rain. The commercial dishwasher just gave out in the kitchen. We could use a vehicle for transporting residents.

We applied for three different rounds of funding from the city from the over \$100 million they received in COVID funding. We received nothing from the first two applications and about 25% of what we requested from the last. I am thankful for the funds we did receive but disappointed they did not fully support our work when they had the opportunity. We are providing affordable, permanent housing to the most vulnerable population in our community. As we begin to make plans for a new project next year we are looking at expanding into other counties. People from all over the state are calling and emailing every day looking for housing. It is so hard to be saying no vacancy again. We must continue to build.

50 years ago my dad put his dream on paper and incorporated Lexington Housing for the Handicapped. After his death in 1980, we started doing business as the Bob Brown House. We would not have been able to provide this valuable service to our community for all of these years without the help of our supporters. I am so thankful for all of you that have given to us in any way. We have people that give monthly thru PayPal or sending a check. We've had groups come to bring a party or bring food and supplies. If you are able, please consider making a donation to us during this holiday season. We have so many needs. You can be assured your gift will directly affect the lives of our residents. We all send our best wishes to each of you for a joyful holiday season!

Sincerely,

Amy Brown

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