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Dear Friendship House Alumni:

May God's Grace, Mercy, and Peace be with you, your families, and your communities!

I am writing today to provide an important update on one aspect of our ministry that did not exist when you were a part of the Friendship House community here in East Lansing.

To ensure our Friendship House ministry continues to connect and support international members of our community well into the future, both here in mid-Michigan and in their home countries, we have established an endowment fund invested with the Lutheran Legacy Foundation (LLF).

Our Board of Directors chose LLF because of its generous support of ministries like the Friendship House. This support includes:

- On our initial investment of the minimum \$10,000, LLF provides a matching gift of \$5,000, which is used as additional seed money to grow our investment.
- LLF has two fund options for investment, a growth fund and a more traditional, conservative fund. We invested \$10,000 into each fund, thereby receiving two matching gifts of \$5,000.
- Additional matches exist on all future investments into the Growth Account in the form of a **20% match** on all gifts up to \$500,000.

All interest and gains in each fund will be applied to our ongoing ministry.

If you are able to support the Friendship House, you can contribute to the endowment fund by visiting the Friendship House website (<http://friendshiphousemsu.global/>) and donate via the steps under long-term endowment.

I give thanks for all of the students who I have been blessed to interact with in my brief tenure here, and I pray that future directors will be as blessed as I am.

Thank you for being alumni of our wonderful community!

God's Blessings,

Dan Winter, Executive Director

**"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."
John 13:34-35,
NIV**

"Life's most persistent and urgent question: What are you doing for others?"

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.